



**Panama Maritime Authority**  
Directorate General of Merchant Marine  
International Representative Office, New York

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**To: Owners/Operators and Masters of Panamanian Registered Merchant Vessels**

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**Subject: Compliance with Mandatory Ship Reporting Systems**

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Through resolutions adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), amendments to Chapter V of the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention are made to allow for the introduction and implementation of mandatory ship reporting systems.

Due to continued incidents of non-compliance with this requirement, the Administration requires that Panamanian registered ships sailing anywhere in the world must comply with all mandatory ship reporting systems adopted by the IMO, which are applicable.

Masters of ships to which a mandatory ship reporting systems apply should report to the shore-based authority without delay when entering and, if necessary, when leaving the area covered by the system. Relevant entries will be noted with the words "**Mandatory system under SOLAS Regulation V/8-1**".

Ships that are reported to this Administration, and which are found in violation of the mandatory reporting schemes, will be subject to legal sanctions.

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