

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

Merchant Marine Circular No. 121

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**To: Owners/Operators of Panamanian flag Vessels and Recognized Organizations**

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**Subject: General Exemption to Ships without Mechanical Means of Propulsion as per  
Reg. V/3.1 of the 2000 Amendments to SOLAS 74.**

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The 2000 Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, adopted in Resolution MSC.99(73), included the complete revision of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974. These revisions covered Regulation V/3.1, which allows Administrations to grant a general exemption to ships without mechanical means of propulsion from specific SOLAS regulations.

On the basis of Regulation V/3.1 of the 2000 Amendments to SOLAS 74, this Administration grants a General Exemption from the requirements of SOLAS Ch. V, Reg. 15, 17, 18, 19, (except 19.2.1.7), 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 to all ships without mechanical means of propulsion. This general exemption is effective from 1 July 2002, date of entry in force of Resolution MSC.99 (73).

Shipowners/Operators are not required to apply for this general exemption.

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