



**PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY**  
**Directorate General of Merchant Marine**  
Segumar Panama

**Merchant Marine Circular No. 154**

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**To: Masters of Panamanian Flag Vessels, Legal Representative, Recognized Organizations, PSC Authorities**

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**Subject: Amendments to the Oil Record Book**

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**Reference: Decree Law No. 7, 1998  
Marpol 73/78, 2002 Edition, amended by Resolution MEPC. 117(52)**

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1. The Merchant Marine Circular No. 148 instructs all concerned parties how to correct the existing Oil Record Book and Cargo Record Book, until the Administration issues and makes available the new Oil and Cargo Record book.
2. The new Oil Record Book is already available and includes all corrections requested by Merchant marine Circular No. 148.
3. Due to the feedback of our clients, we have noticed that additional corrections need to be made on the latest version of the Oil Record book. These corrections can be made manually to reflect the amendments, as a result of the requirements of Annex VI.
4. All Panamanian flag vessels, using separate fuel oil within Special Emission Control Areas (SECAS), must comply with Regulation 14(6) of Annex VI of Marpol 73/78 Consolidated Edition, and must record the required information on the Official Panama Oil Record Book under List of Items to be recorded on instructions listed in Part III.
5. With the purpose to fulfil the aforementioned, an additional item B.5. should be included in the List of Items to be recorded (Page 34), that will instruct to record the volumes of low sulphur fuel oils in each tank; date, time and position of the ship at the moment of the switching.
6. It is important to remind the PSC authorities enforcing this requirement, that the verification shall be performed without causing the vessel to be unduly delayed.

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