



PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY
Directorate General of Merchant Marine

Merchant Marine Circular No. 186

To: Owners/Operators and Masters of Panamanian Flagged Vessels

Subject: Tripartite Agreements in Compliance with Regulation 6.3 of Annex II MARPOL 73/78

References: International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973/1978 (MARPOL 73/78), Annex II, Regulation 6.

1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to remind all Panamanian flagged vessels, covered by the application of Regulation 6.3, Annex II, of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973/1978, of the mandatory compliance of the requirements listed below and to inform the Maritime Authorities of the procedure to submit a proposal for a Tripartite Agreement to this Administration.
2. Annex II of MARPOL 73/78, establishes that where it is planned to carry a liquid substance in bulk which has not been categorized under paragraph 1 of regulation 6, the Governments of Parties to the Convention involved in the proposed operation shall establish and agree on a provisional assessment of such operation on the basis of the guidelines referred to in paragraph 2 of the regulation. Until full agreement among the Governments involved has been reached, the substance shall not be carried. After the agreement has been reached, and within the first thirty (30) days, the Government of the producing or shipping country, initiating the agreement, shall notify the Organization and provide details of the substance and the provisional assessment for annual circulation to all Parties for their information. The Organization shall keep a record of such substances and their provisional assessment until the substances are formally included in the [IBC Code](#).
3. The Maritime Authorities which are interested in forwarding a proposal for a Tripartite Agreement to this Administration shall do so by submitting the information to:

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