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General Directorate of Seafarers

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To: Masters of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Owners/Operators, Legal Representatives, Recognized Organizations.

Subject: Watchkeeping at Sea

References: Code on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers STCW 78, as amended, Section A-VIII/2. Resolution ADM No. 106-2008 of September 22, 2008

1. The purpose of this Circular is to remind Companies, Operators, Owners, Masters, Chief Engineers and watchkeeping personnel that in order to guarantee safe watchkeepings at all times, it is necessary to comply with the principles established in Part 3-1- *Principles that should be complied with to carry out navigation watchkeepings* Part 3-2- *Principles that should be complied with to carry out engine watchkeepings* and Part 3-3 *Principles to be observed in keeping a radio watch* of Section A-VIII/2 of the Code on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers STCW 78/95.
2. According to STCW 78, as amended, and Resolution ADM No. 106-2008 of September 22, 2008, the Master of every vessel is responsible to guarantee that the organization of the watchkeeping period is appropriate and efficient in order to maintain the safety of the vessel and the crew at all times.

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