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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-214

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| To: | Owners/Operators of Panamanian flagged vessels, Recognized Organizations, Masters and Annual Safety Inspectors. |
| Subject: | Mandatory Implementation of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code |
| Reference: | Resolution MSC 268(85) & MSC 269(85), adopted by Resolution 106-OMI-75-DGMM |

1. The purpose of this circular is to inform about the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) adopted by IMO Res.MSC.268 (85) which will be effective from the date of 01 January 2011.
2. All of the ships carrying Solid Bulk Cargoes shall be in compliance with the requirements of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code on or after 01 January 2011.
3. The existing Bulk Cargoes (BC) Code Certificates for the vessels as applicable shall be replaced with the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Certificates in new enforcement in due course by the time of the First Bulk Cargoes Renewal Survey on or after 01 January 2011 and the ships not having Bulk Cargoes (BC) Certificates or the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Certificates and which will carry Solid Bulk Cargoes shall have Valid International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Certificates before loading on or after the effective date of 01 January 2011.
4. This Administration authorizes all Recognized Organizations (RO`s) duly approved for issuing the certificates related to Bulk Cargoes (BC) Code 2004 certificate to issue the new International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Certificates following the surveys detail on the previous paragraph.

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