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To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

Subject: Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) - SHORT TERM

Reference: Law 2 of January 6, 2009

1. The purpose of this Circular is to inform users of the Panamanian Registry that, as per ILO Resolution XVII, during a period of one year following the initial entry into force of the Convention, Members (both flag and port States) give due consideration to allowing ships to continue to operate without the certificate and declaration referred to, provided that their inspectors have no evidence that the ships do not conform to the requirements of the Convention.
2. Those ships not duly certified before the entry into force of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, may request in a voluntary basis a short term certificate for a period of six months, to any authorized Recognized Organization duly authorized to issue the Maritime Labour Certificate.
3. That the authorized Recognized Organization, before issuing such certificate, shall conduct a documentary review while the necessary registries are generated for the detailed inspection, the verification of the DMLC Part II and the definitive certification of the vessel.
4. That the short term certificate shall annex the report of the documentary review so that it is available to the corresponding authorities.
5. That at the end of the six months, the vessels shall have on board the Maritime Labour Certificate, valid for five years, in accordance to the requirements of the Standard A5.1.3 of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.
6. That only the recognized organizations authorized to issue the Maritime Labour Certificate may issue the short term certificate, which cannot be extended.
7. As of August 2014 (one year following the initial entry into force of the Convention), all ships, regardless of their category, shall maintain the maritime Labour Certificate on board.

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