

Merchant Marine Circular

Panama Maritime Authority
General Directorate of Merchant Marine
Control and Compliance Department

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-389

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

Subject: Panama Policy for Maritime Anti-Corruption Matters.

Reference: Law N° 15 of May 10th, 2005.
Law N° 57 of August 6th, 2008.

1. Purpose

The Purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to communicate our users that the Panama Maritime Authority has joined the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) as a member with all the duties and responsibilities this involve. The cooperation and commitment of the PMA with the maritime industry in order to have a corruption-free business environment is demonstrated through this collaboration agreement.

Reason why this Administration invites all our users to formally report to the General Directorate of Merchant Marine any cases on which a Panamanian flag vessel faces a bribery and/or corruption situation in ports.

2. Reporting and Information Sharing

2.1 If a vessel encounters a corrupt practice in port and would like to make a formal report to the Administration, owners, management, operator or seafarers may use the [form attached](#), which shall be sent to:

2.1.1 Email: anticorruption@amp.gob.pa; and

2.1.2 to the nearest SEGUMAR office (below listed for your reference)



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2.2 Confidentiality - The information submitted will be anonymized and analyzed for trends and statistical purposes only, in order to be submitted to the MACN.

2.3 Periodic Reporting

2.3.1 All ship-owners / operator of Panamanian flag vessels may advise the Administration periodically or as soon as possible as far as practical on corrupt practice demands involving their vessels. This information will be used in current and future deliberations on maritime corruption taking place at the International Maritime Organization and in continued dialog with MACN.

2.3.2 Reports may be provided in a consolidated file and emailed to the Administration at: anticorruption@amp.gob.pa.

3. Panama fully support the inclusion of the development of guidance to address maritime corruption as a new input in the IMO Agenda, thus, Panama will be supportive to sponsor documents raising awareness on maritime corruption and introducing such documents. Taking into consideration as well that the IMO is committed to prevent bribery and corruption in the maritime sector.
4. Panama encourage all ship-owners / operator of Panamanian flag vessels to implement on board policies to work against corrupt practices and participating in IMO discussion related to this topic.
5. The following table provides the contact email addresses of our Segumar offices posted around the world:

Americas

SEGUMAR Miami	segumar.miami@segumar.com
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SEGUMAR Tokyo	segumar@panaconsul-tokyo.com
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Inquiries concerning the subject of this Merchant Marine Circular or any other request should be forward to:

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