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**MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-285**

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**To: Ship-owners/Operators, of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Class Societies and Recognized Organizations (RO's).**

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**Subject: Principles of Minimum Safe Manning**

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**Reference:**

- a) **Resolution MSC. 325(90) of 24 May 2012 - Adoption of amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, adopted by Resolution No. 106-OMI-118-DGMM**
  - b) **Resolution A. 1047(27) of 30 November 2011 – Principles of Minimum Safe Manning adopted through Res. 106-OMI-117-DGMM**
  - c) **Resolution 106-145-DGMM of September 13, 2013.**
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**1 Purpose**

This Merchant Marine Circular supersedes MMC. No. 21, 43, 65 and 73.

**2 Application**

Article 3 of Resolution MSC.325 (90) establish that in accordance with article VIII (b) (vii) (2) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2014.

Considering the aforementioned this Administration Adopted the Resolution A.1047 (27) which contain the Principles of Minimum Safe Manning, consisting of Guidelines for the application of principles of safe manning; Guidelines for determination of minimum safe Guidance on contents and model form of minimum safe manning document and Framework for determining minimum safe manning.

Having considered the Content of the Resolution A.1047 (27) this Administration has change the form of the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate in order to be in accordance with the model set out by the Resolution.

**3 New Form**

Minimum Safe Manning Certificate New forms will start to be issued from 1 October 2013 for vessels newly applying or requesting new Minimum Safe Manning as well for existing ships holding a Minimum Safe Manning Certificate. It is important to indicate that Minimum Safe Manning already issued to Panamanian flag vessel will be re-issued at no cost, just please make sure to sent your request for New Form of the Certificate together with copy of the SMC of the vessel or in case

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of vessels less than 500 GRT confirming the Name of the Company responsible for the operation of the ship.

It is important to mention that the total main propulsion machinery power shall be stated in Kilowatts (KW) which is the measure unit used for certification of chief engineer officers and second engineer officers of ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 KW and 3,000 KW propulsion power.

All new application forms to request the minimum safe manning are available in our MMC. 191.

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