



PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY
MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-342

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

Subject: Implementation of IMO Resolution A.1088(28) (BWMC)

**Reference: Resolution A.1088 (28) Adopted on 04 December 2013
International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004**

1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to provide instructions related to IMO Assembly resolution A.1088(28), adopted by the Republic of Panama through a declaration annexed to the accession instrument to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.
2. This Administration has adopted IMO Resolution A.1088(28) of 4 December 2013, in order to support a phased implementation and ensure a smooth transition to the D-2 performance standard of the Convention between 2017 and 2022.
3. In accordance with IMO Resolution A.1088(28), the vessel is not required to comply with regulation D-2 until the first renewal survey of its International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (IOPP), following the date of entry into force of the BWM Convention on 8 September 2017.
4. The Republic of Panama notes that neither the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL Convention), nor the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) prevent renewal inspections in advance.
5. Bering the above in mind, this Administration will authorize, on a case by case basis, the de-harmonization of the IOPP Certificate until the date of entry into force of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.
6. For the purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular, "case-by-case" means that authorizations will be granted at owner's request.
7. Requests should be sent to authorizations@segumar.com in Panama or through any of the SEGUMAR offices, together with the follow requirements:
 - Class Status Report Copy.
 - Confirmation from the RO, providing proposed date and place to carry out in advance the IOPP renewal survey.

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8. Advance renewal inspection of the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate can be conducted afloat provided that all the applicable requirements of the renewal survey are complied with.
9. An authorization request will not be required when the operator decides to renew in advance all statutory certificates.

Inquiries concerning the subject of this Circular or any request should be directed to:
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