

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-88

- To:** Shipowners/Operators, Masters of Panamanian Flag Vessels and to Classification Societies and Recognized Organizations
- Subject:** Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plans for Oil and/or Noxious Liquid Substances.
- Reference:** Law No. 17 of November 9, 1981, adopting the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), 1973.
Law No. 1 of October 25, 1983, adopting the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Protocol 1978.
Law No. 30 of March 26, 2003, adopting the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Protocol 1997.
Regulation 37 of MARPOL Annex I.
Resolution No. 106-OMI-34-DGMM of December 26, 2007 adopting Resolution MEPC.85 (44) of March 13, 2000.
Resolution No. 107-OMI-244-DGMM of November 11, 2021 adopting Resolution MEPC.137 (53) of July 22, 2005.

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1. The General Directorate of Merchant Marine has delegated to the Recognized Organizations, once authorized, to evaluate and approve the Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plans for Oil and/or Noxious Liquid Substances on behalf of this Administration.
 2. Approved Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plans for Oil and/or Noxious Liquid Substances must be reported according the provisions of MMC-324.
 3. Fees for the approval of Ship Marine Pollution Emergency Plans for Oil and/or Noxious Liquid Substances will be USD.75.00, as per provisions of the Resolution J.D. 002-2010 date February 03, 2010 and MMC-324.



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4. Resolution MEPC.85(44) of March 13, 2000 adopted Guidelines for the development of shipboard marine pollution emergency plans for oil and/or noxious liquid substances and Resolution MEPC.137(53) of July 22, 2005 adopted Amendments to the guidelines for the development of shipboard marine pollution emergency plans for oil and/or noxious liquid substances, this Administration urges shipowners/operators of Panamanian flag vessels to ensure that this plans are developed in accordance with these resolutions.

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