



Merchant Marine **Notice**

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

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REINFORCEMENT OF ANTI-CORRUPTION REPORTING MECHANISMS IN PORTS

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1. Purpose.

The purpose of this Merchant Marine Notice is to:

- Promote awareness and reporting of any corruption or undue pressure in ports, in line with national policy and international commitments.
- Reinforce the reporting mechanisms available to Panamanian flagged vessels and maritime stakeholders.
- Remind shipowners, operators, Masters, and crew members of the applicable anti-corruption policies and reporting procedures established by the Panama Maritime Authority.

2. Reference Framework.

This Notice is issued in line with:

- MMN-10/2020 – Guidance to Report Maritime Corruption in Ports
- MMC-389 – Panama Policy for Maritime Anti-Corruption Matters

The Panama Maritime Authority reiterates its zero-tolerance policy towards bribery and corruption in maritime operations.

Panama is an active member of the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) and remains committed to promoting a transparent maritime environment.

3. Reporting Practices.

If any vessel encounters:

- Requests for facilitation payments
- Undue pressure linked to inspections or deficiencies
- Any form of corrupt behavior

the Company, Master, or crew is urged to report immediately to:

PanCanal Building
Albrook, Panama City
Republic of Panama

 Panama Ship Registry
 @ShipPanama

#SteeringYourWay



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E-mail: anticorruption@amp.gob.pa and to the nearest SEGUMAR office.

4. Confidentiality.

The Panama Maritime Authority guarantees that:

- All reports will be anonymized
- Information will be used for analysis, trend identification, and reporting to international bodies including IMO and MACN
- No retaliation will result from reporting

5. Responsibilities of Shipowners and Operators

Shipowners and operators are encouraged to:

- Promote a culture of compliance and transparency onboard
- Train crew members to identify and reject corrupt practices
- Implement internal reporting and anti-corruption procedures
- Encourage prompt reporting of any questionable conduct during inspections or port operations

6. Final Recommendations.

The Panama Maritime Authority urges all stakeholders to:

- Maintain the highest ethical standards in maritime operations
- Cooperate actively in the reporting of corrupt practices
- Support international efforts to eliminate corruption in the maritime sector
- Maintain communication with the Administration and SEGUMAR offices when incidents occur

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Inquiries concerning the subject of this Merchant Marine Notice or any other request should be forward to:

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