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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-286

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

Subject: IMB PIRACY REPORTING CENTRE (IMB PRC)

**Reference: MMC-206
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1. As part of the agreement between the International Maritime Bureau (IMB), and the Panama Maritime Authority, we are encouraging our ship owners/operators, Company Security Officers (CSO), Ships Security Officers (SSO) and all the personnel responsible for the safety and security of a vessel, to use the new free service provided by the International Maritime Bureau Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) in order to receive piracy incident email alerts.

2. The service provides invaluable, live notification of piratical activity in the Indian and Atlantic Ocean Regions. If you haven't already done so, please register by sending a request via email to:

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Asst. Director

ICC International Maritime Bureau
cmody@icc-ccs.org

3. Please note that only severe incidents will be reported via this email alert so as not to overwhelm individual mailboxes, while ALL incidents reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre are broadcast via INMARSAT C Safety Net Service to ALL vessels in the IOR and AOR regions.

4. The Maritime Administrator would also like to remind you to report ALL incidents of piracy, robbery, and/or suspicious activity to the IMB's 24-hour manned Piracy Reporting Centre via the contact details below:

IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC)

Tel: +60 3 2078 5763 / +60 3 2031 0287 / +60 3 2031 3106

24-Hour ANTI PIRACY HELPLINE: +60 3 2031 0014 (Manned 24/7)

Fax: +60 3 2078 5769

General Email: imbkl@icc-ccs.org / piracy@icc-ccs.org

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5. Piracy and armed robbery are considered universal crimes. Failing to report these as recommended may result in other ships being targeted and assaulted. The IMB's two-way system of reporting and sharing of information will greatly assist in controlling risk through transparency.

6. The goal of the Panama Maritime Authority is to give the Panamanian Flagged vessels and the Maritime Industry the certainty of our interest in achieving a safer transit through these High Risk Areas.

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