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FROM | MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT
TO | SURVEYORS/ MANAGEMENTS/ OWNERS/ OPERATORS
SUBJECT | PANAMA OIL RECORD BOOK AND EMISSIONS

Dear all,

By this means we would like to draw your attention to the contents of Panama Merchant Marine Circular 215 (**MMC 215 – PANAMA OIL RECORD BOOK AND EMISSIONS (Amendments and Guidelines)**) with the purpose of offering guidance on the proper maintenance and keeping of the current official Oil Record Books according to MARPOL 73/78 regulations as required by Annex I and Annex VI.

The record book now contains instructions for actions carried out on board that are considered necessary to be recorded related to the following:

- Ozone Depleting Substances
- Low Sulphur Fuel Oil
- Vapor Collection System, for tankers
- Incinerators
- Record requirements for operational compliance with NOx Tier III emission control areas

The new Oil Record Book and Emissions have to be kept on board Panama flagged vessels to ensure the proper maintenance of all information as required by MARPOL Annex I and MARPOL Annex VI. In case of vessels have onboard supplies of the previous 2016 edition, they may be able to continue using it until supply on board lasts. In this case, updating of the record book can be done by adding a copy of the new pages in order to bring it up to date according to the new regulations.

Entries have to be made by all oil tankers of over 150 gross tonnage and other vessels of over 400 gross tonnages. Additionally, oil tankers have to make entries in a Part II of the Oil Record Book and Emissions to record cargo operations, ballast operations and for tankers of less than 150 gross tonnage, entries to control oil discharges. Vessels of over 400 gross tonnages have to make entries for Ozone Depleting Substances in a Part III of the Oil Record Book. Part I, II and III of the Oil Record Book main content is as follows:

- Part I – Machinery Space Operations (all ships)
- Part II – Cargo and Ballast Operations (tankers)
- Part III – Regulations for the prevention of air pollution from ships (all ships)

Recordkeeping shall be made in a chronological order as executed onboard. As a note, incineration of oily garbage should not be recorded in the Oil Record Book instead it will be recorded in the Garbage Record Book. Whenever

the incinerator is used, records shall be made in the Garbage record book and in the Oil Record Book Part I and Part III.

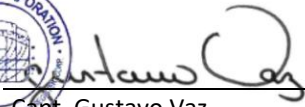
Macosnar Corporation Technical Department is fully available, if required, in order to guide you in the understanding and requirements of record keeping of the Oil Record Book.

Note: **MMC 215 – PANAMA OIL RECORD BOOK AND EMISSIONS (Amendments and Guidelines) together with Part I, II and III and relatable IMO MEPC Circulars** attached for your reference.

Should you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,




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