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FROM | MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT
TO | SURVEYORS/ MANAGEMENTS/ OWNERS/ OPERATORS
SUBJECT | STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE INTERNATIONAL VOYAGE

Dear all,

By this means we would like to draw your attention to the contents of Panama Merchant Marine Circular 339 (**MMC 339 – STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE INTERNATIONAL VOYAGE**) in order to offer guidance on the requirements applicable for vessels not normally engaged on international voyages which are required, in exceptional circumstances, to perform a single international voyage by its own means or by tow.

Taking into consideration that as per SOLAS Chapter I, Reg 4, vessels that in exceptional circumstances require to perform a single international voyage may be exempted by the Administration from any specific requirements if found in compliance with safety requirements adequate for the intended voyage. All that may be required are applicable for vessels with no cargo and no passengers. Due to the before mentioned, vessels shall comply with the following:

- Applicable statutory certificates, valid at least for the period of the intended voyage
- MSM certificate issued for a single voyage
- WRC certificate, valid at least for the period of the intended single voyage
- BCC certificate, valid at least for the period of the intended single voyage
- ISSC
- SOC-DCS CII
- Continuous synopsis record (CSR)
- SMC, or at least interim SMC with a valid DOC

Vessels intending a single voyage in towing conditions are meant to follow guidelines for safe ocean towing as per IMO MSC/Circ.884 and will comply with the following:

- WRC certificate, valid at least for the period of the intended single voyage
- BCC certificate, valid at least for the period of the intended single voyage

Whenever there is a case of a vessel in exceptional circumstances which may not be able to comply or compliance may be impracticable, **MACOSNAR Corporation** as vessel's RO will carry out an evaluation of the case together with the Administration for the issuance of exemption certificates or single voyage authorizations as each instrument allows it.

Note: **MMC 339 – STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE INTERNATIONAL VOYAGE** as well as **IMO MSC/Circ.884 - GUIDELINES FOR SAFE OCEAN TOWING** attached for your reference.

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

Best regards,



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Gustavo Vaz", is written over a horizontal line.

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