

# Merchant Marine Circular

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

## MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC- 274

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

**Subject:** Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC) - Standard A4.3.5– REPORT OF OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND DISEASES.

**Reference:** Law 2 of January 6, 2009.

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1. The purpose of this Circular is to inform users of the Panamanian Registry that in accordance to the established by the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended, Standard A4.3.5 regarding Health and safety protection and accident prevention, the occupational accidents, injuries and diseases on board, must be reported to the General Directorate of Merchant Marine in the Technical Department of Analysis and Maritime Certification (Segumar), MLC Section
2. The General Directorate of Merchant Marine shall ensure that:
  - Occupational accidents, injuries and diseases are adequately reported, taking into account the guidance provided by the International Labour Organization (ILO) with respect to the reporting and recording of occupational accidents and diseases;
  - comprehensive statistics of such accidents and diseases are kept, analyzed and published and, where appropriate, followed up by research into general trends and into the hazards identified; and
  - occupational accidents are investigated.
3. That the e-mail to report an occupational accidents, injuries and diseases to seafarers is [mlc@segumar.com](mailto:mlc@segumar.com)
  - OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND DISEASES [REPORT](#)
4. That given the aforementioned, each company or ship shall develop its internal procedures and send the information required.



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5. The purpose of these guidelines is to assist States to implement the occupational safety and health provisions of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC) of the International Labour Organization (ILO). For any information please contact [mlc@segumar.com](mailto:mlc@segumar.com)

[https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\\_dialogue/---sector/documents/normativeinstrument/wcms\\_325319.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_dialogue/---sector/documents/normativeinstrument/wcms_325319.pdf)

6. The natural death, suicide, homicide, sexual assault and any serious marine casualty taking place on board Panamanian flagged vessels, resulting into injuries or loss of life according of the Standard A5.1.6 of the MLC must be reported to Maritime Affairs Investigation Department in the account: [casualty@amp.gob.pa](mailto:casualty@amp.gob.pa)
7. That the investigation shall only be performed by personnel of the Maritime Affairs Investigation Department.

**May, 2021-** Modified Paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 and New Paragraph 7

**September, 2018-** New Paragraph 2

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