

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 No. 2 of January 6, 2009.

1. Purpose:

1.1 The purpose of this Circular is to inform users of the Panamanian Registry that according to the Standard A4.3.5 of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended, regarding Health and safety protection and accident prevention, the occupational accidents and injuries on board must be reported to the General Directorate of Merchant Marine.

2. Scope:

2.1 This Circular applies to all Panamanian-flagged vessels navigating in international waters (outside the Republic of Panama).

3. Panama flag responsibilities:

3.1. The General Directorate of Merchant Marine shall ensure that:

- 3.1.1.** all deaths of seafarers employed, engaged or working on board ships that Panamanian Flag are adequately investigated, recorded and reported to the Director-General of the International Labour Office (ILO) to be published in a global register;
- 3.1.2.** 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
- 3.1.3.** occupational accidents are investigated.

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4. Reporting occupational accidents:

4.1. That the e-mail to report an occupational accidents, injuries and diseases to seafarers is casualty@amp.gob.pa and mlc@segumar.com

5. Given the aforementioned, both the company and ship shall have its internal procedures to send the required information.

6. ILO guidelines:

6.1. 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

https://www.ilo.org/sites/default/files/wcmsp5/groups/public/@ed_dialogue/@sector/documents/normativeinstrument/wcms_325319.pdf

7. Reporting and investigation of specific occupational accidents

7.1. 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

7.2. That the investigation shall only be performed by personnel of the Maritime Affairs Investigation Department.

December 2024- Modified the Paragraph 41. and delete the occupational accidents, injuries and diseases report

November, 2024 - Modified Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

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

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