

**Merchant Marine Circular No. 129**

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To:	Shipowners/Operators, Charterers, Masters, Recognized Security Organizations and Marine Inspectors of Panamanian flagged Vessels
Subject:	PRE-ARRIVAL NOTIFICATION
References:	SOLAS 74 (2002 amendments) The International Code for the Security of Ships and Port Facilities (ISPS Code)

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1. Effective from September 15<sup>th</sup> 2003, pre-arrival notification for vessels approaching Panamanian waters will be 96 (ninety six) hours and must include copy of crew list, and detail of cargo if any. This requirement also applies to vessels bound for the Panama Canal with scheduled transit and also to those with a voyage time less than 96 hours from their previous port of call.
2. If the vessel is due for transit it should follow MR's Advisory to Shipping No. A-17-2003 (Panama Canal Authority Advisory). If the vessel is going to enter a Panamanian port, please submit information to:

Panama Maritime Authority (PMA)  
Maritime Security Department  
E-mail: [MSD@amp.gob.pa](mailto:MSD@amp.gob.pa)  
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