

# Merchant Marine Circular

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

## **MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-30**

- To:** Owners/Operators of Panamanian flagged vessels, Recognized, Organizations, Masters and Flag State Surveyors, and all other stakeholders.
- Subject:** Observance of Traffic Separation Schemes.
- Reference:** Law No. 7 of November 9, 1978 adopted Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREG's).
- a) Resolutions A.464 (XII); A.626 (15); A.678 (16); A.736 (18); A.910 (22); adopted through Resolution No. 106-OMI-40-DGMM, dated 26 December 2007.
  - b) Resolution A.1085 (28); A.1070 (28); adopted through Resolution No.106-OMI-150-DGMM, dated 24 December 2015.

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### **1. Purpose.**

- 1.1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to inform Owners/Operators, Recognized Organizations, Masters, and Flag State Surveyors on the applicable procedures regarding the amendments to the COLREG 72. By means of Law No. 7 of 9 November 1978, the Republic of Panama has adopted the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREGS '72), which came into force internationally on 15 July 1977.

### **2. Scope:**

- 2.1. Owners, Masters or Officers who fail to comply with the requirements of Rule 10 may be subject to a fine. These Rules shall apply to all vessels upon the high seas and in all waters connected therewith navigable by seagoing vessels

### **3. Responsibility**

- 3.1. Nothing in these Rules shall exonerate any vessel, or the owner, master or crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to comply with the Rules of this convention or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.



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