



PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF PORTS AND MARITIME
ANCILLARY INDUSTRIES

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TO: ALL SHIPPING AGENTS, OWNERS, AND OPERATORS

FROM: REDNA TUÑÓN
Acting Director General of Ports and Maritime Ancillary Industries

SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT & COMPLIANCE OF VUMPA REQUIREMENTS

DATE: October 16TH, 2017

As described in the attached Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) Circular 025 /DGPIMA/CCP/2017, seagoing vessels with Port terminal calls in PPC Balboa, PSA, PATSA, PPC Cristobal, as well as Canal transits and/or anchorage calls shall declared all Government formalities through the VUMPA. No additional declaration is required to be done through AMP "Carta de Atraque" for these port of calls.

It is very important that all required information is accurate, correct and be declared before the required time, including crew list and attachments. The Government Agencies (SNM, MIDA, MINSA, AMP, ADUANA, AUPSA) may verify the declared information in the VUMPA to perform additional activities in Panama, such as "short passes", etc. No hardcopies of vessel's forms or documents shall be handed out to Government Agencies at the Port Terminals.

In addition, the following documents and forms shall also be declared as attachments through VUMPA for all vessels with PORT TERMINALS CALLS, at least 96 hours before arrival or right after leaving previous port of call: (1) Bonded Stores, (2) Ship's stores, (3) Vaccination List, (4) Waste and Residues Disposal (from the last port), (5) Crew Effects and (6) Previous port clearance. In the case of vessels going to ANCHORAGE and/or TRANSIT only, the Vaccination List and Waste & Residues Disposal (from the last port) shall be declared as an attachment. Exceptions: Dead Tows, warships and small boats (less than 500 gross tons).

Please note that until further notice, Quarantine office (MIDA) will board the vessel at the port terminal to inspect certain areas. However, no documents or vessels forms shall be collected during this inspection. Furthermore, as free pratique and vessel's clearance is given at the anchorage, the vessel begins cargo operation upon port terminal's arrival.

In addition, all other government activities or services aside from government reception formalities will continue as usual; such as, fumigation supervision, vaccination, sanitation certificate issuance, grains sampling, etc.

Government agencies are working toward seamless vessel's formalities processes and risk analysis prior to vessel's arrival. We are working as a team to incorporate other processes to VUMPA, such as a single "zarpe" process from the last Panama visited port, incorporate other ports, among others. We apologize for any disruption to your operation during this first phase of the VUMPA implementation and while all government officials fine-tune the new processes.

We encourage you to declare all required information on time and must of all declare the correct information to avoid any delay, penalty, fines or any other disruption to your operation in Panama.

If you have any other concern or inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@vumpa.gob.pa

Sincerely yours,



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