



# PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF PORTS AND  
MARITIME ANCILLARY INDUSTRIES

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TO: SHIPPING AGENCIES

FROM: REDNA TUÑÓN

Director General of Ports and Maritime Ancillary Industries, In Charge



MATTER: RECEPTION OF VESSELS

DATE: JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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We hereby inform all Shipping agencies, that there is no collection stated under law for the reception of vessels. On this issue, the Boarding Officer is not authorized to receive any type of payment, perk, request gifts or any other type of reward, for performing his or her duties and obligations.

In this sense, Executive Decree No. 281, dated June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 sets forth provisions which are necessary to effectively comply with the Convention for the Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended, and adopted by the Republic of Panama through Law 44, dated July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and repealed Executive Decree No. 512, dated August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 which in number 3, Section 18, reads as follows:

*"Subject to the approval by public official of the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP, in Spanish)*

*And if the port is not included in VUMPA, the following procedure must be complied with during the reception of the vessel:*

*...3 no representative of any Public Agency may request or receive gifts while performing his or her duties and obligations."*

Yours truly,

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