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TO : All Shipping Companies, Shipowners/Bareboat Charterers/Ship Operators/Ship Managers/ Ship Masters of Philippine-Registered Overseas Ships, Licensed Manning Agencies, Filipino Seafarers Onboard, and Other Concerned Entities

SUBJECT : **GUIDELINES FOR SEAFARERS ENTERING THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMBARKATION AND REPATRIATION AS ESTABLISHED IN EXECUTIVE DECREE NO. 1089 OF 23 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Pursuant to the Note No. E.M.P. 467/141020 dated 14 October 2020 from the Embassy of the Republic of Panama, the entry of seafarers for the purpose of shipment and repatriation to the said country will be subject to Executive Decree No. 1089 of 23 September 2020, which establishes:

Article 2: Any person, be he/she a Panamanian national, resident, or foreigner, who intends to enter the national territory, will present upon arrival in the country, certificate of PCR test or negative antigen, with a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours and may enter to the country without having to comply with mandatory isolation, once complying with all the biosecurity measures established by the Ministry of Health.

Article 3: Any person, be he/she a Panamanian national, resident, or foreigner, who, upon arrival in the country, does not bear a certificate of PCR test or negative antigen, as indicated in Article 2 of this Executive Decree, will be obliged to undergo a rapid test, prior to registration at the airport immigration, which will be charged at the traveler's expense.

Depending on the result of the test, the following measures will be applied:

1. If the rapid test result is negative, the person will be exempted from mandatory isolation.
2. If the swab / PCR or antigen test is positive, the person will undergo a mandatory isolation in a hospital hotel designated by the Ministry of Health. Seven (7) days later, an antigen test will be performed. If the



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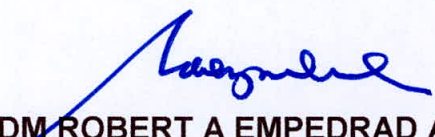
result is positive, he/she must complete the fourteen (14) day isolation and if the result is negative, the isolation period ends.

Therefore, shipping agencies, shipping lines or legal representatives has to comply with the new measures established by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Panama as of the date indicated and until further notice.

In the same manner, the requirements of the Modalities regarding the last edition of the Guidelines for Crew Change will continue to be administered by the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP). The shipping agencies will be responsible for complying with immigration and logistics processes with the airlines.

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For the information of all concerned.


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