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Press Release – Security Level 2**

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The Panama Maritime Authority aware of the instructions and recommendations issued by the Ministry of Health (MINSA) in response to the pandemic of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the relief and Security measures to be adopted by public institutions informs the following:

1. The Republic of Panama as signer of the Agreement for the Safety of Life at Sea and the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code). Such code establishes that in the event of any threat to the security of any Port Facilities, the Port Facility Security Plan (PFSP) must be implemented and, if necessary, raise the security levels according to the situation confronted.
2. According to the aforementioned, this administration will increase the established Security Level 1 to Security Level 2 for the following port facilities of Colon Container Terminal (CCT), Manzanillo International Terminal (MIT) and the Port of Cristobal (PPCC - Panama Ports Co., Cristobal).
3. We communicate that all 3 ports (CCT/MIT/PPCC), will change from the Security Level 1 to Security Level 2, from March 23, 2020 at 03:00 hours until March 27, 2020 at 23:00 and all other ports will continue operating under normal conditions (Security Level 1).
4. We would like to inform that all 3 Port Facilities will be issuing the Security Declaration at the ship-port interface applicable for the Security Level 2. Each port, through the Port Security Officer, will perform the implementation of the specified security measures and procedures in accordance with the Port Facility Security Plan and the Ship Security Plan onboard, based on the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code).

The Panama Maritime Authority strongly rejects any act of violence that puts at risk the current health situation in the country and that might affect port workers who are making a high sacrifice in order to keep the country supplied through our ports and urges peaceful dialogue in order to resolve any issue that the people from Colon may have.

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