



General Directorate of Merchant Marine

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Sirs
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS
RECOGNIZED SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Panama Maritime Authority, please accept our warmest regards.

The General Directorate of Merchant Marine kindly reminds to all Recognized Organizations and Recognized Security Organizations the full compliance of the delegation given through the "**Official Agreement for the Delegation of the Surveys and Issuance of Technical Certificates Service for vessels registered in the Panamanian Merchant Marine**", signed with this Administration, as well as, the commitment to conduct surveys, audits, issuance of statutory certificates on behalf of the Republic of Panama to our Merchant Marine Fleet in conformity with all relevant international requirements, Code for Recognized Organizations and the national regulations enforced by the Panama Maritime Authority.

Based on the aforementioned, this General Directorate of Merchant Marine communicate to all Recognized Organizations and Recognized Security Organizations approved by this Administration on the restriction upon **Mr. MAHDI MOBASTI**, to perform/conduct any services on board Panamanian flag vessels, among them Marine Casualty Investigations, Surveys, Audits, issuing certificates on behalf of this Flag State. This measure is based on the evidence submitted by Phoenix Register of Shipping, S.A., indicating that Mr. Mobasti's behavior was endangering the Safety of Life at Sea and the Protection of the Marine Environment, since he provided false information related to assigned inspection with malicious intent.

This General Directorate of Merchant Marine urges to all Recognized Organizations and Recognized Security Organizations to not hire inspectors whose performance is not aligned with the obligations acquired by all of you with this Administration.

Yours Respectfully,

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