



Dirección General de Marina Mercante



Panama, January 7, 2021
Letter No.106-01-17-DGMM

**Owners, Ship-owners
Resident Agents,
Registry Users**

Dear Sirs:

The General Directorate of Merchant Marine, through Letter No. 106-01-464-DGMM of November 19, 2020, communicated that "the company **INTERNATIONAL MARITIME INSPECTOR (IMI)**, formerly **Egyptian Company Pharaohs Marine**, has been coordinating and carrying out the same tasks to the Panama merchant fleet in exchange for commissions, through supposedly accredited and qualified personnel. Such coordination, inspections and charges are not authorized and are outside the procedures established by the General Directorate of Merchant Marine, facts that can lead to a potential danger to safe navigation, the safety of the crew and the protection of the environment, seeking to tarnish the image of the Panama Flag Registry.

*Therefore, it is important to reaffirm that, this General Directorate of Merchant Marine informs that the company **INTERNATIONAL MARITIME INSPECTOR (IMI)**, formerly **Egyptian Company Pharaohs Marine**, is not authorized by the Panama Maritime Administration to coordinate any type of inspection aboard Panamanian vessels, as well as its collaborators are not inspectors authorized by the Republic of Panama to perform inspections to any Panama flag vessels, much less are they authorized to make collections without legal support according to our current national legislation".*

Now, it is necessary to highlight that, erroneously, in such Letter, **INTERNATIONAL MARITIME INSPECTOR (IMI)** was indicated as an unauthorized company, so it is extremely important to clarify that the **UNAUTHORIZED company is INTERNATIONAL MARINE INSPECTORS** before known as **Egyptian Company Pharaohs Marine**.

In this sense, we reaffirm that any annual safety inspection or extraordinary inspections, done by a flag inspector duly authorized by the Republic of Panama, is only coordinated through the Port State Control Section of the Navigation and Maritime Safety Department of this General Directorate, following the procedures and legal principles established for this.

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The companies authorized by the General Directorate of Merchant Marine of the Panama Maritime Authority are listed in the Merchant Marine Circular No. 374, which can be verified through the following link: <https://panamashipregistry.com/circulars>.

In the same token, the official procedure for the coordination and authorization of an Annual Security Inspection or extraordinary inspection is through the following email accounts:

- asi@amp.gob.pa
- jlortega@amp.gob.pa

Finally, it is important to outline that this Maritime Administration is committed to the faithful compliance of its fleet, with the international standards coming from the International Maritime Organization, of which we are part, as well as, we have all the disposition to maintain a friendly collaboration and open communication with all our users, in order to avoid future incidents caused by unauthorized or accredited third parties by the Republic of Panama.

Without further ado, we are pleased to express our consideration and appreciation.



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