

# DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE LA MARINA MERCANTE

## MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MEP/GD 001-2017

By this means, the Honduran Maritime Authority hereby notifies all vessel owners, ship operators, shipping companies, charterers, shipping agents/brokers, ship builders, legal representatives, captains, recognized organizations and all interested parties of the following established directives:

**WHEREAS:** The Article 194 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea establishes that States shall take, individually or jointly as appropriate, all measures consistent with this Convention that are necessary to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment from any source, using for this purpose the best practicable means at their disposal and in accordance with their capabilities, and they shall endeavour to harmonize their policies in this connection.;

**WHEREAS:** Honduras is a State party of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) and the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPRC);

**WHEREAS:** Through Agreement No. 022-2015, the *Regulations for the prevention and control of wastes, oil and Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) spills and dumping* have been approved.

**Taking into account the above, this GENERAL DIRECTORATE informs the following:**

**FIRST:** According to the Article 18 of the Regulations referred before, all vessels that call Honduran ports or request anchoring within the jurisdictional waters of Honduras are required to submit to Port State Control officials, at least 24 hours before its arrival copy of their:

- ✓ Certificate of insurance / P&I to cover the liability of the registered owner for pollution damage. When applicable, a certificate attesting that insurance or other financial security is in force in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (CLC 69-92).
- ✓ Certificate of Coverage for marine pollution response, issued by an oil and HNS spills response organizations (OSRO) authorized by this Administration.

**SECOND:** This regulation shall enter into force **with immediate effect** from October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Tegucigalpa M.D.C., September 25th, 2017

  
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