

Translation

**RESOLUTION J.D. No.047 – 2020**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY**, in full use of its legal powers,

**WHEREAS**

In the Navigation and Port Service Regulations, Executive Decree **7-76** of February 2, 1976, provisions for the clearance of vessels are established.

Through Agreement No. **64-83** of January 12, 1983, the Executive Committee of former National Port Authority approved the fees for the collection of maritime port services provided to vessels entering the ports of the Republic of Panama.

Through **Decree Law No. 7** of February 10, 1998, the Panama Maritime Authority, an autonomous State entity, was created for the main purposes of administering, promoting, regulating, planning and implementing policies, strategies, legal and regulatory provisions, plans and programs directly and indirectly related to the operation and development of the maritime sector, and to act as the supreme maritime authority of the Republic of Panama.

According to Articles 36 and 37 of **Decree Law No. 7** of February 10, 1998, the Panama Maritime Authority was vested with all the rights and obligations of former National Port Authority

Article 31 paragraph 7 of **Decree Law No. 7** of February 10, 1998, lays down the powers of the General Directorate of Ports and Ancillary Maritime Industries, including the promotion of navigation, maneuvering and berthing facilities for vessels calling at national ports and, in general, the provision of services required by such vessels for the efficient handling of cargo and usual supplies, and to regulate these activities within port premises.

The Ministry of Health issued **Resolution No. 305** of March 12, 2020, whereby health measures are established for the embarkation and disembarkation of cruise ships, mini-cruises, large-draft vessels, international passenger transport vessels such as yachts, mega yachts and commercial yachts, or any other maritime vessel, in ports, berths, anchorage areas and marinas within National Territory.

According to Article 4, paragraph 3, of **Decree Law No. 7** of February 10, 1998, the Authority has the power to implement measures to safeguard the national interests of maritime and interior spaces.

Article 18, paragraphs 3, 7 and 9 of **Decree Law No. 7** of February 10, 1998, states that the Panama Maritime Authority's Board of Directors has the power to adopt administrative, scientific and technological policies that promote and ensure the competitiveness and profitability of the maritime sector and the development of its human resources, and to establish the Authority's organization. Therefore, the Panama Maritime Authority hereby

**RESOLVES:**

- FIRST:** To **SUSPEND** for a period of ninety (90) calendar days the payment of anchorage fees to all vessels over 500 gross register tonnage (GRT) that make up the international maritime transport fleet in jurisdictional waters of the National Territory that are registered under the Panamanian flag.
- SECOND:** This benefit of suspension of payment of anchorage fees applies to the same category of foreign flag vessels for sixty (60) calendar days.
- THIRD:** All vessels at anchor are instructed to maintain the corresponding visual signals during the 24 hours of the day, to take all the mandatory measures relevant to the operation of the vessel and to guarantee the safety, protection and preservation of the environment in accordance with the laws in force.
- FOURTH:** The authority shall not be liable for the implications or damages that may result from improperly or unsafely anchoring a vessel or from faulty mooring.
- FIFTH:** All vessels at anchor are instructed to maintain the minimum crew required by law.
- SIXTH:** If a vessel or any craft in general sinks in port waters, the Shipowner or his representative, at the request of the Authority, shall immediately begin operations to remove it.
- SEVENTH:** Change of crew and any disembarkation is prohibited, unless expressly authorized by the Ministry of Health.
- EIGHTH:** This Resolution shall take effect as of its enactment and publication in the Official Gazette.

**APPLICABLE LEGAL PROVISIONS:** Agreement 64-83 dated January 12, 1983.  
 Decree Law No. 7 of February 10, 1998, as amended by Law No. 57 of August 6, 2008 and Law No. 91 of November 7, 2013.  
 Law No. 38 of July 31, 2000.  
 Law No. 56 of August 6, 2008, as amended by Law No. 69 of November 6, 2009. Resolution No. J.D. 011-2019 of March 27, 2019

**LET THE ABOVE BE NOTIFIED AND COMPLIED WITH**

Executed in Panama City this fourteenth (14th) day of May of the year two thousand and twenty (2020).

**THE CHAIRMAN**

**THE SECRETARY**

(There appears a signature)  
**NORIEL ARAÚZ V.**  
 ADMINISTRATOR, PANAMA MARITIME  
 AUTHORITY

(There appears a signature)  
**ANA MARGARITA REYES**  
 ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR,  
 PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY

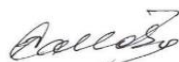
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(Stamp:) PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY - I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINALS.  
 Panama, May 14, 2020 (There appears a signature) - Secretary General

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THE FOREGOING IS A TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH OF THE DOCUMENT IN SPANISH WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO ME.  
 PANAMA, MAY 19, 2020.

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