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**TO:** OWNERS /MANAGEMENTS/SURVEYORS.  
**SUBJECT:** IMO IDENTIFICATION NUMBER  
**REFERENCE:** RESOLUTION 1117(30) IMO IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, MMC-270

Dear All:

The Regional Fishing Organizations are foreseeing to require an “IMO number” to all ships that belong and are registered in their Organizations.

Through Resolution A.1117(30) IMO ship identification number scheme, adopted on 6 December 2017 which revokes Resolution A.1078(28), indicates the following:

*“RECOGNIZING the need for the IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme to be revised to allow its application to ships of 100 gross tonnage and above, including fishing vessels of steel and non-steel hull construction; passenger ships of less than 100 gross tonnage, high-speed passenger craft and mobile offshore drilling units covered by SOLAS regulation V/19-1; and all motorized inboard fishing vessels of less than 100 gross tonnage down to a size limit of 12 meters in length overall (LOA), authorized to operate outside waters under the national jurisdiction of the flag State.”*

Panama Maritime Administration, focused on supporting duties conducted by the Regional Fishing Organizations and with the objective to improve the Maritime Safety, as well as facilitate the prevention of maritime fraud, recommends that all ships of international fishing service, request an identification IMO number, based on the standards established by the International Maritime Organization.

In order to obtain an “IMO number”, for both new and existing vessels, please visit the website [www.imonumbers.ihs.com](http://www.imonumbers.ihs.com) or send your request to the E-mail [ship.imo@ihs.com](mailto:ship.imo@ihs.com). If you like MACOSNAR CORPORATION Technical Department can help you thru this application.

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