



# Merchant Marine **Notice**

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## DESIGNATION OF THE SABA BANK AS A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREA

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1. The purpose of this Marine Notice is to bring to your attention that in the last months had been an increase of Panamanian flag vessels that have violated the Saba bank PSSA regulation.
2. IMO being aware of the ecological, socio-economic and scientific attributes of the Saba Bank in the North-eastern Caribbean area of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as well as its vulnerability to damage by international shipping activities and the steps taken by the Netherlands to address that vulnerability, designates the Saba Bank as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area, through [Resolution MEPC.226\(64\)](#) adopted on October 5, 2012.
3. The above mentioned Resolution provides a Description of the Area to be avoided for Ships 300 GT and Above and Mandatory No Anchoring Area for All Ships.
4. Vessel not in compliance with the above requirements can be prosecuted by local authorities.
5. We request all Panamanian flag vessels to complies with the requirements of Resolution MEPC.226(64) and to prepare the voyage plan base on such requirements, passing through the Saba Bank.

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