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**FOR: Concessioned Port Facilities, Shipping Agencies, Maritime Ancillary Service Providers, and Users in General**

**FROM: Flor Pitty**  
General Director

**MATTER: J.D. Resolution No.010-2023, dated February 9th, 2023**

**DATE: May 4th, 2023**

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We hereby inform that the Panama Maritime Authority has approved J.D. Resolution No.010-2023, dated February 9th, 2023 same which was published in Official Gazette No.29751, whereby Section Nine of J.D. Resolution No.042-2016, dated August 1st, 2016 is amended.

In this sense, amendment of said Section sets forth a new sales price for Electronic Nautical Charts (ENC) from the Panama Maritime Authority, in the amount of Thirty Balboas and 00/100 (B/.30.00), as annual subscription fee.

Therefore, we attached hereto the text of J.D. Resolution No.010-2023, dated February 9th, 2023 for greater reference purposes.

Attachement: As stated.

  
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## JD RESOLUTION No. 010-2023

The **Board of Directors of the Panama Maritime Authority**, making use of the powers granted to it under the Law, pursuant Law Decree 7, dated February 10, 1998

### WHEREAS:

That this Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Panama Maritime Authority in its Session No. 002-2023 which took place on February 9, 2023 after having evaluated all issues brought before it for its consideration.

That the Panama Maritime Authority was created pursuant Law Decree 7, dated February 10, 1998 as an entity with its own assets and autonomy under its internal rules and regulations, subject only to the policies, guidance, and monitoring by the Executive Branch, and to the supervision of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Panama.

That number 10, Section 4, Law Decree No. 7, dated February 10, 1998 states that the Panama Maritime Authority has the function to maintain updated the signalling system, aids to navigation, nautical charts, and other hydrographic information required for the safe passage of ships in the maritime spaces and internal waters of the Republic of Panama, as set forth under the National Constitution and the laws of the Republic.

That pursuant Law No. 7, dated October 27, 1977 the Republic of Panama approved the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS).

That the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS Convention), Chapter V, Regulation 19.2, states that all ships, irrespective of size, shall have: ".4 nautical charts and nautical publications to plan and to display the ship's route for the intended voyage, and to plot and monitor positions throughout the voyage; an electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) may be accepted as meeting the chart carriage requirements of this subparagraph. Ships subject to paragraph 2.10, shall comply with prescriptions on the ECDIS which are to be carried on board, as stated therein;".

That pursuant JD Resolution No. 042-2016, dated August 1, 2016 issued by the Board of Directors of the Panama Maritime Authority, the sales cost of Electronic Nautical Charts (ENCs) of the Panama Maritime Authority, was established in the amount of Twenty-five Balboas and 00/100 (B/.25.00) per encrypted cell.

That the Panama Maritime Authority subscribed an Inter-Agency Cooperation Agreement with the Panama Canal Authority (ACP, in Spanish) on March 14, 2022 for the cooperation of reciprocal support regarding hydrographic responsibilities of the Republic of Panama, as stated in the SOLAS Convention, specifically regarding an ENC, and to share benefits in the commercial operation thereof.

That in order to unify the commercial operation with the ACP, to sustain efforts in maintaining updated Electronic Nautical Charts (ENCs), which include the following: collection, processing, edition, and creation; to obtain a greater coverage and increase safety to navigation in our country's jurisdictional waters, it is necessary to adjust costs in the sale of said ENCs, which exist from 2016 to date.

That the ACP, pursuant number 9, Section 18, Law No. 19, dated June 11, 1997 (ACP's General Law), in addition to the powers granted to it by the Political Constitution, its Board of Directors has the function to approve policies related to commercial, industrial or service activities, same which complement the operation of the Canal, either directly by the Authority or by concession granted to third parties.

Given in Panama City, on the ninth (9th) day of the month of February, in the year two thousand twenty-three (2023).

**THE PRESIDENT**

*Signed, Illegible*  
**VCARLO GARCÍA-MOLINO**  
VICE-MINISTER, PRESIDENCY

**THE SECRETARY**

*Signed, Illegible*  
**NORIEL ARAÚZ V.**  
ADMINISTRATOR, PANAMA MARITIME  
AUTHORITY

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