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MEXICAN NAVY INSPECTIONS OF ALL VESSELS BOUND FROM COLOMBIA

The Managers have been advised that due to continuous incidents of stowaways found on board vessels inbound from Colombian to Mexican ports, **all** vessels inbound from Columbia will be searched and inspected by Mexican Navy personnel prior to berthing.

The Mexican Merchant Marine and Ports General Coordination (Coordination) has issued General Memorandum No. 003/2005 dated February 10, 2005, stating that in compliance with SOLAS Chapter XI-2 Regulation 9, *Control and Compliance Measures*, the Navy and Coordination have agreed that, from this date, all vessels bound from Colombian ports will be searched and inspected by Navy personnel at anchor.

As a result, we would like to encourage our Members if trading between these two countries to notify the ship agents in order to obviate, or at least minimize, any delays arising from this order.