

Merchant Marine Circular

Panama Maritime Authority
General Directorate of Merchant Marine
Control and Compliance Department

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-107

- To:** Owners/Operators of Panamanian flag Vessels, Class Societies and Authorized
- Subject:** Publications and Records required on vessels of 500 gross tonnage or above with International Registration in the Panamanian Registry
- Reference:** Law No. 17 of November 9, 1981, adopting the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), 1973.
Law No. 1 of October 25, 1983, adopting the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Protocol 1978.
Law No. 30 of March 26, 2003, adopting the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Protocol 1997.
Law No. 7 of October 27, 1977 adopting the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS).
Law No. 12 of November 9, 1981 adopting the 1978 Protocol of SOLAS.
Law No. 31 of July 11, 2007 adopting the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

1. This Merchant Marine Circular replaces MMC No. 98.

2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this merchant marine circular is to inform about the publications and records required on vessels of 500 gross tonnage or above with international registration in the Panamanian registry.

3. Publications

- Navigational Charts appropriate for the area of navigation
- Corresponding Notices to Mariners
- Pilot charts
- Nautical Almanac



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- Pilot Books and Sailing Directions
- Tide Tables
- Light List
- Navigation Tables
- IMO Routing Schemes
- IMO MARPOL
- IMO SOLAS
- IMO COLREGS
- IMO Port State Control Procedures
- International Code of Signals
- Radio Aids to Navigation
- List of Call Stations*
- List of Coast Stations
- List of Radio Determination and special service stations
- Manual for use by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Satellite Stations International Life Saving Appliances Code (LSA Code) (Resolution MSC.48(66))
- International Medical Guide for Ships (Publication of the World Health Organization)
- IMO Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods (only for vessels carrying dangerous goods)
- IMO Medical First Aid Guide for Use in Accidents Involving Dangerous Goods (MFAG) (only for vessels carrying dangerous goods)
- IMO International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (only for vessels carrying dangerous goods)
- Panamenian Merchant Marine Circulars

4. Plans and Instructions

- Muster List and Emergency Instructions
- Damage Control Plans or Booklets (for all passenger vessels and dry cargo vessels constructed on or after 1 February 1992)
- Fire Control Plans
- Fire Equipment Booklet of instructions (optional instead of item 3)
- Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP) (shall be approved by The Administration.)
- Intact Stability Booklet
- Dangerous good manifest or stowage plan (if the vessel carries dangerous goods)
- Garbage Management Plan (in accordance with Annex V MARPOL)
- SOLAS Training Manual
- Shipboard Management Documentation (if the ISM Code is applicable to the vessel)



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- Cargo Securing Manual (in accordance with MSC Circ. 745)
- Ballast Water Management Plan
- Shipboard marine pollution emergency plan for noxious liquid substances (Approved by The Administration)
- Procedures and arrangements manual (Approved by The Administration)

5. Records

- Compass Error Record Book (magnetic and gyro)
- Chronometer Rate Record Book
- Radio Direction Finder Calibration Chart or Table (for vessels that carry the RDF)
- Radar Record book
- Radar Maintenance Record Book
- Garbage Record book (MARPOL Annex V)
- Oil record book and emissions according to MARPOL 73/78 as amended for vessels
- Cargo Record Book (MARPOL Annex II)
- GMDSS Maintenance Record Book
- Engine Room Logbook
- Engine Room Bell Book
- Radio Logbook
- Bridge Logbook
- Bridge Bell Book
- Crew Roll List (endorsed by a Panamanian Official or Official Edition)
- Official Logbook (endorsed by a Panamanian Official or the Official Logbook Edition)
- Panamanian Annual Safety Inspection Record
- Ballast Water Record Book

6. List of Call Signs and Numerical Identities Used by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Services for vessels trading in Sea Area A3. List of Ship Stations and Maritime Mobile Service Identity Assignments

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