

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-131

- To:** Recognized Security Organization (RSO), Ship-owners and Operators Company.
- Subject:** Authorized Recognized Security Organizations (RSO), Reports and Fees.
- Reference:** Law No. 38 June 4th, 1995 UNCLOS 1982.
Resolution No. 106-11-DGMM of August 21th, 2009.
MMC-156 Exemption, Conditional, Interim and Full-Term Certificates.
MMC-159 Control of the Issuance of Statutory Certificates.
MMC-324 Administrative Fee imposed by the Republic of Panama for each statutory certificates and approvals issued by Class Societies and Recognized Organizations dully authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority.
MMC-359 Guidance for the implementation and certification of the ISPS Code.

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1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to serve as guidance regarding the amendments to the SOLAS Convention and to the new Chapters regarding Maritime Security and the ISPS Code.
 2. The diplomatic Conference on Maritime Security held in London in December 2002 adopted provisions in the International Convention for the safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 and the International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities (ISPS Code) to enhance maritime security. The ISPS Code has been implemented internationally since the 1st of July 2004.
 3. Having regard to the importance of the ISPS Code, the Panama Maritime Authority through its Board of Directors created the Maritime Ships Security Department.
 4. The Panama Maritime Authority has incorporated the figure of Recognized Security Organizations (RSO) in the implementation of the ISPS Code.



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5. The Panama Maritime Authority has recognized as the RSOs responsible for the Evaluation of Ship Security Plans (SSP):

1. AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING.
2. BUREAU VERITAS MARINE & OFFSHORE SAS.
3. CR CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY.
4. CROATIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING.
5. CHINA CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY.
6. DNV AS (**Technical Certificate DNV**).
7. INDIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING.
8. INTERMARITIME CERTIFICATION SERVICES S.A.
9. INTERNATIONAL MARITIME REGISTER (PANAMA), INC.
10. INTERNATIONAL NAVAL SURVEYS BUREAU, S.A. (I.N.S.B).
11. INTERNATIONAL REGISTER OF SHIPPING (PANAMA) INC.
12. ISTHMUS BUREAU OF SHIPPING.
13. KOREAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING.
14. LLOYD'S REGISTER GROUP LIMITED.
15. MACOSNAR CORPORATION.
16. NATIONAL SHIPPING ADJUSTER INC.
17. NIPPON KAIJI KYOKAI.
18. OVERSEAS MARINE CERTIFICATION SERVICES, INC. (O.M.C.S.).
19. PANAMA MARITIME DOCUMENTATION SERVICES INC.
20. PANAMA SHIPPING REGISTRAR, INC.
21. PHOENIX REGISTER OF SHIPPING, S.A.
22. POLSKI REJESTR STATKÓW S.A.
23. QUALITAS REGISTER OF SHIPPING S.A.
24. RINA SERVICES S.p.A.
25. RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING.
26. TÜRK LOYDU UYGUNLUK DEGERLENDIRME HIZMETLERI ANONIM Sirketi (**Technical Certificate TÜRK LOYDU**).
27. DROMON BUREAU OF SHIPPING LIMITED.
28. NEW UNITED (INT'L) MARINE SERVICES LIMITED.
29. EMIRATES CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY (TASNEEF) L.L.C.
30. RS CLASSIFICATION SERVICES SINGLE-MEMBER PRIVATE COMPANY, INC.
31. PANAMA CLASSIFICATION BUREAU INC.

6. Upon evaluation of the Ship Security Plan (SSP) by any of the above mentioned RSO(s) ship-owners shall be notified of the approval so they can contact a RSO (Verifier) to carry out the verification on board. The following list of RSO(s) has been recognized for the Verification Process, to issue Interim ISSC and Short term certificate, according to the MMC-359.



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7. REPORTS:

- 7.1. According to Merchant Marine Circular (MMC-159) all Recognized Security Organizations (RSO) that must submit by e-mail to ro-panama@segumar.com a monthly report indicating the Ship Security Plan Approvals (SSP) and Endorsement for Intermediate ISSC. This report must include the following information.



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- a) Name of ship
- b) IMO Number
- c) Type of certificate (endorsement or approval)
- d) Number of Certificate or Approval
- e) Date of issuance or approval
- f) Expiration date (as applicable)
- g) Amount of Surcharge (as per MMC-324 & MMC-67)
- h) Approval Certificate number
- i) Kind of audit (endorsement)
- j) Date of audit (endorsement)
- k) Place of audit (endorsement)

8. FEES:

- 8.1. According to the Resolution J.D. No. 002-2010 dated February 3, 2010 and MMC-324 the following fees are established for approvals, emission, re-emission, endorsement and change of name or any modifications of plans and must to be paid to this Administration since this date.

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| 1. Ship Security Plan (SSP) | USD50.00 |
| 2. Endorsement for Intermediate Verification of the ISSC | USD50.00 |

For further assistance, please note below the contact points.

April, 2022 - Change of name in paragraph 5 point 2 and paragraph 6 point 2 - name BUREAU VERITAS MARINE & OFFSHORE SAS.

February, 2021 – Change of name in paragraph 5 point 6 and paragraph 6 point 6 – name DNV AS (Technical Certificate DNV).

December, 2020 – Inclusion of Panama Classification Bureau INC.

December, 2020 – Changes of PMA numbers.

March, 2020 – Suspension of Panama Classification Bureau INC.

August, 2019 – Exclusion of HELLENIC REGISTER OF SHIPPING

June, 2019 - Change of name POLSKI REJESTR STATKÓKW S.A.

January, 2019 - Inclusion of PANAMA CLASSIFICATION BUREAU, INC. & RS CLASSIFICATION SERVICES SINGLE-MEMBER PRIVATE COMPANY, INC

October, 2018 - Inclusion of EMIRATES CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY (TASNEEF) L.L.C.

October, 2018- Inclusion of NEW UNITED (INT'L) MARINE SERVICES LIMITED



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April, 2018 - Change of name in paragraph 5 point 11 and paragraph 6 point 11 and exclusion of paragraphs 7 to 13.

March, 2018 - Inclusion of O.M.S.C in paragraph 5 & 6 point 19.

November, 2017 – Modification of paragraph 14.

November, 2017 - Inclusion of DROMON BUREAU OF SHIPPING LIMITED

November, 2017- Inclusion of TÜRK LOYDU UYGUNLUK DEGERLENDIRME HIZMETLERI ANONIM SIRKETI (Technical Certificate TÜRK LOYDU

July, 2017– Modifications of DNV GL AS (Technical certificate DNV GL) and correction in name of paragraph 5 and 6 point 12.

June, 2017 – Cancellation of PANAMA MARINE SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION SERVICES INC. (PMSCS)

April, 2017 – Cancellation of UNIVERSAL SHIPPING BUREAU INC and ST EDUCATION AND TRAINING PTE. LTD.

March, 2017 - Inclusion of new point 12 and changes in bullets of points 13,14,15.

February, 2017 - Inclusion of CROATIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING.

February, 2017-Suspension PANAMA MARINE SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION SERVICES INC. (PMSCS).

February, 2017 – Cancellation of PANAMA REGISTER CORPORATION.

January, 2017 – Exclusion of ST EDUCATION AND TRAINING PTE. LTD due to end of operations from December 31st, 2016.

January, 2017 – By request of the RSO, exclusion of UNIVERSAL SHIPPING BUREAU INC. due to end of operations.

October, 2016 – Correction in the points 5 (8) (10) and 6 (8) (10)

September, 2016 – Cancellation of Global Shipping Class, Inc., and Panama Bureau of Shipping, Inc.

August, 2016 – Modification of point 7, 8, 9 and 10 (ISSC interim and Short Term).

June, 2016- Modification of point 13 (Reports)

June, 2016 - Cancellation of PHOENIX MANAGEMENT SERVICES GROUP, INC.

May, 2016 – Modification of point 8

April, 2016 – Suspension of GLOBAL SHIPPING CLASS INC.

February, 2016 – Suspension of PANAMA BUREAU OF SHIPPING and PANAMA REGISTER CORPORATION

January, 2016- Modification of points 7,8 New paragraphs 9,10 and Exclusion of STET MARITIME PTE. LTD.

November, 2015- Change of REGISTRO ITALIANO NAVALE to RINA SERVICES S.p.A.

November, 2015 – Change of the Subject name. New paragraphs and modifications of paragraphs.



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September, 2015 – Inclusion of ST EDUCATION AND TRAINING PTE. LTD
July, 2015 - Cancellation of ST EDUCATION AND TRAINING PTE. LTD
June, 2015 – Merger of Det Norske Veritas & Germanischer Lloyd to DNV GL AS
March, 2015 - Cancellation of Aspiotis Maritime Ltd.
February, 2015 – Cancellation of Global Shipping Bureau, Inc.
November, 2014 – Inclusion of one RSO on point 6
May, 2014 – Inclusion of two RSO on point 6, and two on point 8
March, 2014 – Modification of point 10
February, 2014 – Cancellation of one RSO
October, 2013 – Changes in point 9 and email of point 13
July, 2013 – Changes in subject and point 13
April, 2013 – Cancellation of two RSO
August, 2012 - (inclusion of new RO / RSO)
January, 2012 - (inclusion of both Permanent & Provisional companies as per Resolution No. 106-18-DGMM).

Inquiries concerning the subject of this Merchant Marine Circular or any other request should be directed to:

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