

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-245

- To:** Owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).
- Subject:** Authorized Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC) transiting High Risk Areas (online application).
- Reference:** Resolution No. 106-13-DGMM of March 8th, 2012.
Resolution No. 106-85-DGMM of December 17th, 2014.
MMC-228 - Use of Armed Security Personnel on board Panamanian Flagged Vessels (**online application**).
MMC-243 - Authorization for Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC).
MMC-306 - Security Personnel and Weapons listed by Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC).

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1. This Circular has the purpose to inform users, according to Merchant Marine Circular MMC-243, about the list of Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC) authorized by this Administration to offer their services as Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel onboard Panamanian flagged vessels transiting High Risk Areas.
 2. The use of PCASP should not be considered as an alternative to Best Management Practices (BMP) and other protective measures. It is recommended that BMP be applied throughout the High Risk Area (HRA) and in the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC) and be considered as the first, minimum, preventative option. Placing armed guards on board as a means to secure and protect the ship and its crew should only be considered after a risk assessment has been carried out.
 3. The Panama Maritime Authority has recognized the following companies as PMSC which are authorized to grant the use of security, armed or unarmed personnel on board the Panamanian flag vessels to transit exclusively in High Risk Areas, which are described in our MMC-230:



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1. BRITANNIA MARITIME SECURITY LTD.
2. SECURE A SHIP LIMITED.
3. AMBREY LIMITED (**Principal Company**)
 - 3.1 AMBREY RISK LIMITED (**Subsidiary company**)
 - 3.2 AMBREY SERVICES DMCC (**Subsidiary company**)
4. PORT 2 PORT MARITIME SECURITY LIMITED (**Principal Company**)
 - 4.1. NEPTUNE MARITIME SECURITY GROUP LTD. (**Subsidiary company**)
5. SEA GUARDIAN S.G. LIMITED.
6. DIAPLOUS MARITIME SERVICES LIMITED.
7. AEGIS INTERNATIONAL INC.
8. UNITED GUARDS SERVICES LIMITED.
9. HR MARITIME CONSULTANTS LTD.
10. MARITIME DEFENCE FORCE LTD.
11. EMERGENCY MANEUVERING LANKA (PVT) LTD.
12. MARINE ONE PRIVATE LIMITED.
13. THE TRIDENT GROUP, INC.
14. MARITIME ASSET SECURITY AND TRAINING (MAST) LTD.
15. OU ESC (ESC GLOBAL SECURITY).
16. SALAMA FIKIRA INTERNATIONAL (UK) LIMITED (**Principal Company**)
 - 16.1 SALAMA FIKIRA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (**Subsidiary company**)
17. SECURISTATE PTE. LTD.
18. LSS, LTD.
19. SINO GUARDS MARINE SECURITY LIMITED
20. HUA XIN ZHONG AN (BEIJING) SECURITY SERVICE CO., LTD.
21. SEAGULL MARITIME LTD.
22. BLACK PEARL MARITIME SECURITY MANAGEMENT LIMITED.
23. TRIAENA MARITIME SECURITY LIMITED.
24. CASTOR VALI LTD.
25. PREMIUMFOCUS NAUTILUS LTD.
26. SEAGULL MARITIME SECURITY LTD.
27. AL SAFINA SECURITY SERVICES LTD.
28. ALFA MARINE PROTECTION LIMITED.
29. ROKADA SECURITY SERVICES LLC.
30. ZEAL GLOBAL MARITIME SOLUTIONS.
31. ESS&SA MARITIME B.V.
32. PROTECTION VESSELS INTERNATIONAL LTD.
33. UNIVERSAL MARITIME SOLUTIONS (BVI) LIMITED.
34. ORION NAUTICAL RISK SOLUTIONS FZ LLC



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4. **Any Private Security Company duly authorized by this Administration and posted in this Merchant Marine Circular, may only request transit authorizations with the name with which it was authorized, therefore, the contract that must be attached as part of the pre-established requirements, must have the seal and name approved in this circular. This Administration will not approve any authorization with a change of name, which is not previously authorized by this Administration.**
5. According to MMC-228 all Panamanian flagged vessels contracting Authorized Private Maritime Security Companies from the list above which are recognized by this Administration do not need to request to this Administration for any type of authorization unless the same is required by a Port Authority.
6. This Administration would like to inform all users of the Merchant Marine Directorate that we have developed a new platform via web, through which you will be able to apply online for the Letter of Authorization (LOA), and this will be processed by the Maritime Ships Security Department or by the selected Segumar Offices. This only applies for cases in which Port Authorities require an authorization from the Panamanian Flag State.
7. Starting from the October 3rd, 2016, the online application for the letter of authorization will be available on the following website link <http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates>, recommend using Google Chrome, Opera, Mozilla Firefox, Safari and Microsoft Edge. After that date, the request of authorizations will not be longer received via e-mail or by hard copy only will be received through the aforementioned website link. The Panama Maritime Authority kindly requests the use of the online application on that website link.
8. This Administration kindly informs that according to MMC-368 from August 1st, 2018, the Authorization for carrying Armed Security Personnel will be E-Certificates with QR Code that must be printed on board with the specification described in the MMC-368.
9. The following documentation shall be submitted through the website link: <http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates> in order to apply for the **Letter of Authorization (LOA)**:
 - a) The bilateral agreement signed by both parties with the company stamp.
 - b) Passport copies of the armed guards that will embark the vessel for the specific transit.



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- c) For weapons Annex, you must attach Annex A of the contract or a company document that describes the weapons, the number of the series and the amount of ammunition.

The information submitted by the applicant through the above mentioned website link, should be completely accurate in order to avoid mistakes of the information transferred to the Letter of Authorization.

- 10 For further details about the use of the online application, and user manual can be found at the website link <http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates> by click on the button marked as "User Manual" for your reference. In case have any technical issue when using the online application, feel free to contact us to the e-mail address: asp@amp.gob.pa or to any Segumar offices worldwide; for more reference you can access at the MMC-242 for the contact details of Segumar.
- 11 **This Administration encourage to all the Private Maritime Security Companies which do not require an authorization from the Flag State, to notify in advance the geographical position (latitude and longitude) of the embarkation and disembarkation of the security personnel, this notification should be done through a message to the e-mail address asp@amp.gob.pa.**

The only purpose of this notification is to keep the internal records of this Administration duly updated.

- 12 **Starting from the December 15th, 2021**, all Private Maritime Security Companies should send an **ANNUAL REPORT** with the information requested in the MMC-243 paragraph 5 through the following website link: <http://https://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates/FrmAnnualReport.aspx> Not presenting the Annual Report will result into the cancellation of the company.
- 13 Every private security companies, approved by this Administration, must have the certainty that the security personnel hired, is not included in the list of terrorists of the United Nations Security Council, at the website <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/>
- 14 Starting from December 15th, 2021 all the Private Maritime Security Companies already recognized with PMA authorization per transit or not must submit the enclosed PCASP Report, (for reference see Annex) duly filled and signed with details of their service before the security teams disembark from the vessel through the following website link: <https://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates/FrmPiracyReport.aspx>. This information will be verified in the presentation of the Annual Report.



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15 From January 3rd, 2013, only the companies listed above are authorized to provide Security Service onboard Panamanian vessels. **It is strictly forbidden to celebrate Joint Venture Contracts between unauthorized companies to provide services on board Panamanian flagged vessels, including security personnel and weapons. If any of this activity is carried out, the company would be responsible for any infringement.**

May, 2022 – Inclusion as 05/16/2022 ORION NAUTICAL RISK SOLUTIONS FZ LLC and Exclusion as 05/16/2022 MERIDIAN GLOBAL CONSULTING.

May, 2022 – Modification of paragraph 3 number 21.

April, 2022 - Inclusion as of 04/07/2022 UNIVERSAL MARITIME SOLUTIONS (BVI) LIMITED.

March, 2022 – Inclusion as of 03/29/2022 PROTECTION VESSELS INTERNATIONAL LTD.

March, 2022 - Modification in the paragraph 3 - Inclusion as of 03/07/2022 DIAPLOUS MARITIME SERVICES LIMITED.

March, 2022 – Modification in the paragraph 3 - Exclusion as 02/03/2022 DIAPLOUS MARITIME SERVICES LIMITED; EOS RISK MANAGEMENT LIMITED; ORION NAUTICAL RISK SOLUTIONS FZ LLC; PROTECTION VESSELS INTERNATIONAL LTD; ARGONAUTIS MARITIME SERVICES LTD; UNIVERSAL MARITIME SOLUTIONS (BVI) LIMITED and SECUREWEST INTERNATIONAL LIMITED.

January, 2022 – Exclusion as 01/04/2022 EMERGENCY MANEUVERING LANKA (PVT) LTD.

December, 2021 – Inclusion as of 12/10/2021 SECUREWEST INTERNATIONAL LIMITED.

December, 2021 - Modification of paragraphs 12 and 14.

September, 2021 – Inclusion as September 15, 2021: SALAMA FIKIRA INTERNATIONAL (UK) LIMITED.

June, 2021 – Exclusion as 06/23/2021 ASPIDA CYPRUS LTD. also inclusion as 06/24/2021 ZEAL GLOBAL MARITIME SOLUTIONS and inclusion as 06/29/2021 ESS&SA MARITIME B.V.

June, 2021 - Exclusion as of 06/10/2021: SECUREWEST INTERNATIONAL LIMITED, ZEAL GLOBAL MARITIME SOLUTIONS, SHIELD INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

April, 2021 – Exclusion as of 04/21/2021: ALPHARD MARITIME PTE. LTD and FOUR SHIELD SOLUTIONS LIMITED

April, 2021 – Correction of name in paragraph 3 number 34.

March, 2021 – Inclusion as March 12, 2021: MERIDIAN GLOBAL CONSULTING

November, 2020 – Exclusion as of November 11/06/2020: ESS & SA BV-EXCLUSIVE SECURITY SERVICES & SPECIAL

August, 2020 – Exclusion as of August 08/24/2020: CITADEL MARITIME LIMITED.

August, 2020 – Exclusion as of August 08/07/2020: MERIDIAN GLOBAL CONSULTING and OVERSEAS SECURITY GUARDIANS (HONG KONG) CO., LIMITED.



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July, 2020 – Duplicate company cancellation and corrections of AL SAFINA SECURITY SERVICES LTD.

June, 2020 – Change of PMA phone number.

April, 2020 – Inclusion as of April 14, 2020: ROKADA SECURITY SERVICES LLC., ALFA MARINE PROTECTION LIMITED and AL SAFINA SECURITY SERVICE LTD.

April, 2020 – Inclusion of SHIELD INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

March, 2020 - Exclusion as of March 16/2020: MARINE SECURITY INTERNATIONAL ADVISOR INC. (MSI), SHIELD INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, SEAGUARD SECURITY LLC., SOLACE GLOBAL MARITIME SERVICES, ROKADA SECURITY SERVICES LLC.

December, 2019 - Inclusion of point c in paragraph 9.

September, 2019 - Inclusion as of September 27, 2019 of: AL SAFINA SECURITY (CYPRUS) LTD.

August, 2019 - Exclusion as of August 20/2019 of: AL SAFINA SECURITY (CYPRUS) LTD.

July, 2019 - Inclusion as of July 17, 2019 of: CITADEL MARITIME LIMITED

June, 2019 - Annex PCSAP Report and exclusion of paragraph 16.

June, 2019 - Exclusion as of June 27/2019: SHIP SECURITY INTERNATIONAL LIMITED.

March, 2019 – Inclusion of new paragraph 13 and exclusion as of March, 18, 2019: RM SOLUTIONS (GLOBAL) LTD., OCEAN PROTECTION SERVICES LIMITED, ASSET MARITIME SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED, MOKRAN EIMENE PARSA CO., and INTELEDGE INC.

November, 2018 – Exclusion as of November 02, 2018 of: PATRIOT RISK MANAGEMENT LTD.

October, 2018 – Change in name from ASPIDA CORP. to ASPIDA CYPRUS LTD.

August, 2018 – Inclusion of new paragraph 4. July 2018- The paragraph No. 13 was modified.

July, 2018 - Inclusion of new paragraph 7.

July, 2018- Exclusion as of July 02/2018 of: DEFENDORY CYPRUS LIMITED.

May, 2018 – Inclusion as of May 24, 2018 of: OVERSEAS SECURITY GUARDIANS (HONG KONG) CO., LIMITED.

April, 2018 – Inclusion as of April 20, 2018 of: ASSET MARITIME SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED.

March, 2018 – Inclusion as of March 22, 2018 of: UNIVERSAL MARITIME SOLUTIONS (BVI) LIMITED.

March, 2018 - Exclusion as of March 16/2018 of: MARITIME RISK INTERNATIONAL FZ LLE, ABURGUS OU, ASSET MARITIME SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED and SEGUR IBERICA, S.A.



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February, 2018 – Exclusion as of February 02/2018 of: HART SECURITY UK LIMITED and SEA MARSHALS LTD.

January, 2018 – Exclusion as of January 10/2018 of: STENT (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED.

December, 2017 – Exclusion as of December 27/2017 of: G7 SRL

December, 2017 – Exclusion as of December 22/2017 of: ZEUS MARITIME SERVICES LTD and SEA NEMESIS SECURITY (SNS) LTD.

November, 2017 – Inclusion of one company

October, 2017 – Inclusion of one company

September, 2017 – Exclusion as of September 04/2017 of: SEAGULL MARITIME SECURITY LTD.

July, 2017 – Exclusion as of July 20/2017 of: FORTE MARITIME SECURITY LTD.

June, 2017 – Exclusion as of June 28/2017 of: UNITED MARINE SECURITY LLC., WATCHWOOD RESOURCES LIMITED and MARITIME SECURITY COMPANY ALBATROSS LTD.

May, 2017 – Inclusion of one company and exclusion of one company.

March, 2017 – Inclusion of one company. March 2017 – Inclusion of one company.

March, 2017 – Inclusion of one company. March 2017 – Inclusion of three company

March, 2017 – Exclusion as of March 9/2017 of: CITADEL MARITIME LIMITED, CORINTHIAN PROTECTION INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LTD., SWAT SECURITY SYSTEMS EUROPA SL., PREMIUMFOCUS LTD., MARITIME & UNDERWATER SECURITY CONSULTANTS LIMITED, SEA MARSHALS LTD., CASTOR VALI LTD., INTELEDGE INC., INFINITE SECURITY SOLUTIONS LTD., GUARDIAN GLOBAL RESOURCES LIMITED., SEA GUARDIAN S.G. LIMITED, DIAPLOUS MARITIME SERVICES LIMITED, UNITED GUARDS SERVICES LIMITED.

March, 2017 – Update of item No. 5, Inclusion of a Subsidiary Company NEPTUNE MARITIME SECURITY GROUP LTD.

March, 2017 – Change in name from ASPIDA MARITIME SECURITY CORPORATION to ASPIDA CORP., and change in name from NEPTUNE MARITIME SECURITY LTD to NEPTUNE MARITIME SECURITY GROUP LTD.

December, 2016 - Inclusion of two company.

December, 2016 - Inclusion of two company.

December, 2016 - Exclusion as of December/9/2016 of: TRIAENA MARITIME SECURITY LIMITED, PROTE A.S. MARITIME LIMITED, PATRIOT RISK MANAGEMENT LTD., ZEUS MARITIME SERVICES LTD., SEA NEMESIS SECURITY (SNS) LTD., I.B.S. INTERNATIONALE BODYGUARD & SICHERHEITSAGENTUR E.K.

September, 2016 – Inclusion of one company.

September, 2016 – Exclusion of one company.

September, 2016 – Change in paragraphs (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9).



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August, 2016 - Exclusion as of August/3/2016 of: SCANDINAVIAN RISK SOLUTIONS AB., UNITED MARINE SECURITY LLC, 30 SOUTH MARITIME LIMITED, CESEC LIMITED, ALLMODE LIMITED.

July, 2016 – Inclusion of one company.

June, 2016 – Exclusion of one company.

May, 2016 - Inclusion of one company.

April, 2016 - Inclusion of 3 companies.

March, 2016 - Inclusion of one company.

March, 2016 – Update of paragraph No. 5

March, 2016 - Inclusion of one company

March, 2016 - Change in name from REGAL DEFENSE SOLUTIONS LTD to RM SOLUTIONS (GLOBAL) LTD.

February, 2016- Inclusion as of February 04/2016 of INTELEDGE INC., PROTECTION VESSELS INTERNATIONAL LTD., BOWLINE DEFENCE LIMITED, BLACK PEARL MARITIME SECURITY MANAGEMENT LIMITED, ASPIDA MARITIME SECURITY CORPORATION and SEAGUARD SECURITY LLC.

February, 2016 - Exclusion as of February 01/2016 of: CONTROL RISKS SERVICES LIMITED, PROTECTION VESSELS INTERNATIONAL LTD., GUARDIAN GLOBAL RESOURCES LIMITED, ORCHID MARITIME LTD., BLACK PEARL MARITIME SECURITY MANAGEMENT LIMITED., ARCH SHIPPING FZ-LLC., CITADEL MARITIME LIMITED, ARGONAUTIS MARITIME SERVICES LTD., ASPIDA MARITIME SECURITY CORPORATION, ADVANFORT COMPANY, SPECOPS COMPANY BV, BOWLINE DEFENCE LIMITED, OLIVE GROUP FZ-LLC (UAE), TITANIUM SECURITY INTERNATIONAL ex YEMEN SINGAPORE SECURITY SERVICES PTE., LTD., INTELEDGE INC., SEAGUARD SECURITY LLC., ATLAS INC. LIMITED, UNIVERSAL MARITIME SOLUTIONS (BVI) LIMITED, SWAT SECURITY SYSTEMS EUROPA SL., MPBS GROUP CC.

January, 2016 – Exclusion of ZEUS MARITIME SECURITY SERVICES, S.A.

December, 2015 - Change in name from CORINTHIAN PROTECTION INTERNATIONAL LTD. to CORINTHIAN PROTECTION INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LTD, and Inclusion of 3 news companies.

October, 2015 - Inclusion of two companies and change of name of Number 30.

September, 2015 Inclusion of one company

September, 2015 - Inclusion of 3 new companies.

August, 2015 –Inclusion of 5 new companies and the removal of the personnel approved list.

July, 2015 – Change of personnel list's approval date of Marine One Private & Emergency Maneuvering Lanka and inclusion of two companies.



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June, 2015 –Hyperlinks for Personnel List have been removed and replaced with a line stating Last Approval Date in red font, and modified reference.

June, 2015 –Change in name from Marine Pirate Busters CC to MPBS Group CC

June, 2015 – Inclusion of new companies

June, 2015 – Correction name for MARITIME SECURITY COMPANY ALBATROSS LTD.

June, 2015 – Inclusion of new companies.

May, 2015 – Inclusion of new companies

May, 2015 – Exclusion as of May/8/2015 of: SECURISÖHLEN MARITIME PRIVATE SECURITY LTD. CO. / REDFOUR MSS (MARITIME SECURITY SOLUTIONS) LTD. / OFFSHORE MARINE SECURITY LTD / SALVUS MARITIME SECURITY LIMITED / UNITY SPS LIMITED / MARINE SECURITY INTERNATIONAL S.A. / ENVOY360 RISK MANAGEMENT FZ LLC /GROSVENOR GLOBAL RISK LIMITED /GOAGT LTD / GEMINI MARITIME LIMITED / DC RMS LTD / TRISKEL SERVICES LIMITED / MORAN SECURITY GROUP LTD. /SPIRIT SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED // SALAMANCA RISK MANAGEMENT LIMITED/ SEAL SOLUTIONS & MARITIME OPERATIONS LTD / RJA MARITIME SERVICES (GIBRALTAR) LIMITED/ ORIGIN SECURITY GROUP LTD /PSL MARITIME LIMITED / SECURITY SERVICES (MARITIME) LTD / I.S.D.S. INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENCE SYSTEMS LTD. / G4S INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SOLUTIONS JLT / GEOS INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING LIMITED

March, 2015 - One company excluded. New companies added.

July, 2012.

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

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