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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-326

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To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs) and Recognized Security Organization (RSO).

Subject: OVERDUE ISPS VERIFICATIONS

Reference: SOLAS 74/78 Chapter XI-2
ISPS Code Part A
MMC 123
MMC 131
MMC 205

1. This Administration has issued this Circular with the purpose to remind the procedures for Panamanian Vessels overdue ISPS Verifications according to the ISPS Code Part A.
2. All Panamanian flagged vessels engaged in international voyages to which the ISPS Code applies, must comply with all the requirements according to section A/19.4. Also, the RSO have to carry out the Verification in accordance to section A/19.4.2.
3. This Administration encourages owners, operators and RSOs to complete the **INITIAL, INTERMEDIATE AND RENEWAL VERIFICATION** during the period established in section A/19.1 and 19.4.4.
4. In cases when the Interim ISSC has expired before applying for the full ISSC, **ADDITIONAL VERIFICATION** must be carried out and the verification date of the Full ISSC will be based on the **INITIAL** or **RENEWAL AUDIT**.
5. If the **INTERMEDIATE VERIFICATION** is not carried out in the second and third anniversary date of the Full ISSC, an **INITIAL VERIFICATION** should be carried out.
6. In cases when the **RENEWAL VERIFICATION** is not carried out within three (3) months before or three (3) months after the expiry date of the existing certificate should be carried out an **INITIAL VERIFICATION**.

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7. All Recognized Security Organization should request previous Authorization from the Maritime Ship Security Department or through any of the SEGUMAR offices worldwide before to carry out the **ADDITIONAL VERIFICATION**.

Once all requirements are met, they shall be submitted to the following email address: isps@amp.gob.pa (Phone (507) - 501-5085/5086/5038, or through any of the SEGUMAR offices worldwide according to the Merchant Marine Circular-242.

November, 2017 – modification of last paragraph 7.

March 2016- Changes in paragraph 1 and 5, new paragraph 6, 7 and change email contact.

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