



**PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY  
(AUTORIDAD MARÍTIMA DE PANAMÁ)  
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF MERCHANT MARINE  
(DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE MARINA MERCANTE)  
DEPARTMENT OF CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE  
(DEPARTAMENTO DE CONTROL Y CUMPLIMIENTO)**

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**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: SOLAS 74/78 Chapter XI-2  
MMC-156  
MMC-159  
MMC-205  
MMC-207  
MMC 324  
MMC-359**

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.
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
  3. CR CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY
  4. CROATIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING
  5. CHINA CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY
  6. DNV GL AS (**Technical Certificate DNV GL**)
  7. HELLENIC REGISTER OF SHIPPING
  8. INDIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING
  9. INTERMARITIME CERTIFICATION SERVICES S.A.
  10. INTERNATIONAL MARITIME REGISTER (PANAMA), INC.

11. INTERNATIONAL NAVAL SURVEYS BUREAU, S.A. (I.N.S.B)
12. INTERNATIONAL REGISTER OF SHIPPING (PANAMA) INC.
13. ISTHMUS BUREAU OF SHIPPING
14. KOREAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING
15. LLOYD'S REGISTER GROUP LIMITED
16. MACOSNAR CORPORATION
17. NATIONAL SHIPPING ADJUSTER INC.
18. NIPPON KAJI KYOKAI
19. OVERSEAS MARINE CERTIFICATION SERVICES, INC. (O.M.C.S.)
20. PANAMA MARITIME DOCUMENTATION SERVICES INC.
21. PANAMA SHIPPING REGISTRAR, INC.
22. PHOENIX REGISTER OF SHIPPING, S.A.
23. POLSKI REJESTR STATKOW, S.A.
24. QUALITAS REGISTER OF SHIPPING S.A.
25. RINA SERVICES S.p.A.
26. RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING
27. TÜRK LOYDU UYGUNLUK DEGERLENDIRME HIZMETLERI ANONIM SIRKETI (**Technical Certificate TÜRK LOYDU**)
28. DROMON BUREAU OF SHIPPING LIMITED
29. NEW UNITED (INT'L) MARINE SERVICES LIMITED
30. EMIRATES CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY (TASNEEF) L.L.C.
31. PANAMA CLASSIFICATION BUREAU, INC.
32. RS CLASSIFICATION SERVICES SINGLE-MEMBER PRIVATE COMPANY, 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**

1. AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING
2. BUREAU VERITAS
3. CR CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY
4. CROATIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING
5. CHINA CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY
6. DNV GL AS (**Technical Certificate DNV GL**)
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#### REPORTS:

7. According to Merchant Marine Circular (MMC-159) all Recognized Security Organizations (RSO) that must submit by e-mail to [ro-panama@segumar.com](mailto: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.

- 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 No.324 & No.67)
- h. Approval Certificate number
- i. Kind of audit (endorsement)
- j. Date of audit (endorsement)
- k. Place of audit (endorsement)

#### FEES:

8. According to the Resolution J.D. 002-2010 dated February 3, 2010 and Merchant Marine Circular 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.

1. Ship Security Plan (SSP) **US\$50.00**
2. Endorsement for Intermediate Verification of the ISSC **US\$50.00**

**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

**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 en 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.  
**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 Nnorske Veritas & Germanisher 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 Res. No. 106-18-DGMM)

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

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