



PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY

Directorate General of Merchant Marine

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of Maritime Safety

To: Shipowners/Operators, Masters of Panamanian Flag Vessels, Consular Offices, Law Firms, Class Societies and other Recognized Organizations

Subject: Amendments to MMC No. 101

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FROM July 1, 1998:

- A. This Administration will consider the application of the ISM Code to those passenger vessels, bulk carriers, high-speed crafts, and tankers based only on their ITC-69 tonnage. National tonnage provisions will not be taken into consideration.
- B. Applicants requiring Ship Station Licenses (Radio License) must provide copy of the DOC and SMC along with their applications. In the event that no certificate is provided, Ship Station Licenses will not be issued.
- C. Applicants requiring initial registration of existing or new construction vessels and not in possession of a Safety Management Certificate (SMC) for the vessel must provide the following:
 - 1 Copy of a valid, interim or permanent, Document of Compliance (DOC) issued to the managing company. In this instance, the competent Panamanian Authority must verify that the DOC certifies the company to manage the type of vessel intended to be registered.
 - 1 DOC's issued to the managing company on behalf of another administration or Class Society or other organization not recognized by the Panama Maritime Authority can be accepted, but proper authorization must be requested to SEGUMAR as established in MMC. 101.
 - 1 If no DOC is presented, the vessel CANNOT be registered, not even provisionally.
 - 1 If no compliance is achieved by the end of 6 months, the vessel will automatically be deleted from the Registry.

For the above situations described in point C, the vessel can only have a "SPECIAL" registration where the Provisional "Patente" (Registration) number and the radio call letter will be provided, without having those documents issued. Applicants will need to pay the registry fee. It is understood that this "SPECIAL" registration will allow the interested party to initiate the obtaining of the respective SMC with one of the recognized authorizations outlined in MMC No. 101. It is also understood that this "SPECIAL" registration cannot be utilized to sail until all necessary documents have been properly submitted to the competent Panamanian Authority. When the complete documentation is submitted, the respective registration documents ("Patente", Radio License, etc.) will be issued and the interested party shall then pay the annual single rate ("Tasa Única Anual"), Annual Tax ("Impuesto Anual"), and Inspection Tax, where applicable.

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