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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-145

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

Subject: ISPS Code - Intermediate verification.
International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC)

Reference: SOLAS 74/78 Chapter XI-2
Resolution No. 106-059-DGMM of July 11th, 2012
MMC 131
MMC 205
MMC207
MMC 242

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1. This Administration has issued this Circular with the purpose of updating the instructions and procedures for the intermediate verification to the International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC).
 2. All Panamanian flagged vessels engaged in international voyages in which apply the ISPS Code, Section 19.2 must have on board an International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) issued by this Administration which shall not exceed five years.
 3. During the validity of the full term ISSC at least one intermediate verification, between the second and third anniversary dates have to be completed.
 4. The intermediate verification shall include inspection of the security system and any associated security equipment of the ship to ensure that it remains satisfactory for service for which the ship intended.
 5. The Company Security Officer, ship-owners, operators shall contact the Recognize Security Organization (RSO) who carried out the initial verification on which the full term ISSC is based, to carry out the intermediate verification on board.

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6. In the case in which a ship-owner or operators decides not to use the RSO that carried out its initial verification (for purpose of getting in intermediate verification), it is necessary to carry out a intermediate verification with the scope of an initial verification.

7. This Administration encourage all operators and ship-owners to carry out the intermediate verification between the second and third anniversary dates of the validity of the full term ISSC, in such a case that the verification is not carry out in this period, this Administration analyze case by case.

8. The RSO carrying out the intermediate verification must submit as soon as possible but no later than 30 days from the date of the audit to the Maritime Security Department of the Panama Maritime Authority the following documents:

- Copy of the Full Term ISPS Certificate duly endorsed in the corresponding space.
- And copy of the Audit Report.

9. In case you wish to include the ISPS Intermediate Verification in the ISSC FULL certificate; please send the documents requested in the Merchant Marine Circular MMC-205.

10. For additional information please contact the Panama Maritime Authority, Maritime Ships security Department, to the following email address: isps@amp.gob.pa , Phone (507) 5015085, or through any of the SEGUMAR offices worldwide according to the Merchant Marine Circular 242.

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