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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-371

To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

Subject: ANNUAL SSAS TEST MANDATORY

Reference: Resolution No.106-107-DGMM October 9, 2017
MMC-133
MMC 206
MMC 359

1. According to MMC-133 all the Panamanian flagged vessels shall be provided with a SSAS, as instructed in the SOLAS 74', as amended (Chapter XI-2 Regulation 6, paragraph #1).
2. **From October 2017**, through the Resolution No.106-107-DGMM dated October 9th, 2017 this Administration communicated that all the Panamanian flagged vessels must to code the following email address **threat@amp.gob.pa** in their SSAS terminal (as main account), due to the fact that from January 2018, the annual SSAS TEST, will be received only through the SSAS Community electronic platform in the following link: <https://polestarglobal.force.com/SSAS/login>.
3. **From January 1st, 2018** the annual SSAS TEST is mandatory and must to schedule through the SSAS platform in the following link: <https://polestarglobal.force.com/SSAS/login> , in a period no longer than twelve (12) calendar months and can be scheduled 24 hours in advance.
4. Only one annual SSAS TEST is mandatory through the online platform. In case of vessels that perform more than one test and require a flag confirmation they should schedule it through the platform. In case of vessel changes name follow the instructions described in MMC 133.
5. The Administration urges Companies, Company Security Officers (CSO), Ship Security Officers (SSO) and the Recognized Security Organization (RSOs) of Panamanian flagged vessels to verify and comply with this Resolution and the MMC 133.
6. In the event of non-compliance with this Resolution and not schedule the annual test, this General Directorate of Merchant Marine may apply the following sanctions:
 - The International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) may be invalidated by PMA.
 - Additional audits into the ISPS Code of ships that do not comply with the provisions of this Resolution may be authorized.

**January, 2019 – inclusion of paragraph 2 and Modification of paragraph 4.
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