

Merchant Marine Circular

Panama Maritime Authority
General Directorate of Merchant Marine
Control and Compliance Department

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-402

To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Designated Person Ashore (DPA), and Legal Representatives of Panama Flagged Vessels.

Subject: Italy Pre-ports arrival checklist for Panama flagged vessels.

Reference: Law N°. 7 of October 27, 1977, SOLAS, Chapter I, Part B, Rule 11.

1. Purpose:

1.1 The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to implement additional assessment requirements to decrease the detention numbers of vessels calling in the Italy ports that may subject to Port State Control (PSC) inspections.

2. Scope:

2.1 As you are aware the Paris MoU implemented an initiative to identify high-quality ships and flags and provide incentives to encourage quality operations. This initiative is called White List, and through this initiative, high-quality vessels should be recognized and rewarded for their commitment to safety and quality.

3. Panama currently belongs to the Paris MoU grey list; and as an Administration one of our main objectives is to come back to the white list. In the analysis of the data of detentions of Panamanian flag vessels in the Paris MOU, we had detected that most of the detentions were in Italian Ports. For this reason, a checklist has drawn up ([see ANNEX](#)), to assist Ship-Owners, operators, technical managers, Designated Persons Ashore (DPA) and vessel Master's to find weak items that can results as a ground for detention through Port State Control Inspections by the Italy Coast Guard.



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4. The checklist must be sent ninety-six hours (96hrs) before the vessel arrives to Italy ports, to the following email address: psc@amp.gob.pa. For voyages with lasts less than 96 hours (96hrs), the checklist must be sent at least twenty-four hours (24hrs) before arrival at port.
5. The use of this checklist is compulsory for all the Panamanian vessels prior to arrivals Italy ports, and shall be signed by the vessel Masters and/or company Designated Persons Ashore (DPA). The omission of this requirement may lead to administrative sanctions for to the vessel Master, and/or Chief Engineer and/or to the vessel company as well.
6. If an extraordinariness issues, such as equipment failures or any others situations that cannot be resolve on board of the vessel immediately; Ship-Owners, operators, technical managers, DPA or vessel's Master, shall immediately coordinate the effective corrective actions, together with the vessel Recognized Organization (R.O,) and Segumar Offices. At the same time, PSC Authority shall be informed as requested by regulation 11 "Maintenance of conditions after survey", SOLAS Chapter I.

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