

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-346

- To:** Masters, Ship-owners, Operators, Company Security Officers, Ship Security Officers, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates, Legal Representative of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Recognized Organizations (RO's) and Recognized Security Organizations (RSO's) of Panamanian Flagged Vessels.
- Subject:** Amendments to the Ship Security Plans (SSP) for Recognized Security Organization (RSO) duly cancelled.
- Reference:** Law No. 38 June 4th, 1995 UNCLOS 1982.
Resolution J.D. No. 026-2020 of February 27th, 2020.
MMC-131 Authorized Recognized Security Organizations (RSO). Reports and Fees.
MMC-359 Guidance for the implementation and certification of the ISPS Code.

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1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to inform all owners and operator companies that during the process of the last RO Code Audit, this Administration cancelled some Recognized Security Organizations (RSO's) responsible for the review and approval of the Ship Security Plan (SSP) for vessels of Panamanian Flag.
 2. Due to the situation mentioned above, the Panama Maritime Authority authorized the Maritime Ships Security Department to receive, review and approve the amendments or modifications to the Ship Security Plans approved by Recognized Security Organizations, which have been sanctioned by the Panama Maritime Authority, with the total revocation of its authorization to render the services as Recognized Security Organization.
 3. This Administration will may approve only desktop amendments relating to the following matters and it is only applicable for those Recognized Security Organizations that were cancelled on MMC-131.



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1. Change of Vessel Name (Only affected pages should be submitted to the Administration).
 2. Change of Management.
 3. Change of owners or any contact details that affecting the (SSP). (Only affected pages should be submitted to the Administration).
 4. Any changes in security procedures and equipment used on board specified in the (SSP).
4. In case of any structural changes or another major amendment that not listed above, the operator company will must be changed to another Recognized Security Organization authorized by this Administration to approve the Ship Security Plan again.
 5. For application for amendments on the Ship Security Plan (SSP) please, only send us the affected pages and the amendments record sheet with each revision approved by the Cancelled Recognized Security Organization to the following email: ispsplan@amp.gob.pa.
 6. In those cases, that the operating companies prefer that their Ship Security Plans are approved by another Recognized Security Organization authorized, they can do it without previous authorization of this flag.
 7. On paragraph 5 of the MMC-131 the Panama Maritime Authority listed several RSO's responsible for the Review and Approval of the Ship Security Plans (SSP) authorized by this Administration.

8. FEES

- a. According to the Resolution J.D. No. 026-2020 dated February 27, 2020 the following fee is established:

Evaluation and approval of amendments to the Ship Security Plan for Panamanian flag vessels with a SSP approved by Panama Maritime Authority through of Maritime Ship Security Department, by any authorized Recognized Security Organizations or by any Recognized Security Organizations, which have been sanctioned by the Panama Maritime Authority, with the total revocation of its authorization to render the services as Recognized Security Organization:

FEES	USD. 500.00
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9. All payments can be made at the offices of the Panama Maritime Authority or the Merchant Marine Consulates.

December, 2020 - Change in Reference and in paragraph 8.1

June, 2020 – Change of PMA telephone numbers.

November, 2017 – Change of email address.

February 2017

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