

PSC Related Circular

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Subject:

Panama MMC-402
Italy Pre-ports arrival checklist for Panama flagged vessels



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Attachments:
PMA- MMC-402
Pre-arrival checklist for Panama flagged vessels



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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.

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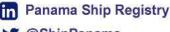
Reference: Law N°. 7 of October 27, 1977, SOLAS, Chapter I, Part B, Rule 11.

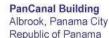
1. Purpose:

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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- 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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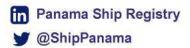
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Pre-arrival checklist for Panama flagged vessels.

Vesse	el Name		IMO Nui	mber		
				Date of Departure		
Port of Arrival			 _ Date of Arrival			
		out of servce) equipment if any				
1 2 3	If the a If the a and if r	ur ship been detained in the last 12 months? nswer is yes, have all deficiencies been rectified already? nswer is no, please inform which elements are still pending equire any authorization letter from us. any condition of class, class notation and/or Conditional Certifi	YES cate (if a	NO		
		e following items working and maintained in proper condition pe		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
No.	Area	Items to check and verify before port arrival	YES	NO	COMMENTS	
1		Vessel certificates (on board and duly endorsed, Statement of Compliance for IMO DCS reporting, SEEMP PART II)				
2		Crew certificates (not expired and proper endorsements)				
3		ISM previous deficiencies and non-conformities have duly followed up and closed. Flag State and Company informed				
4		ISM internal and external audits held as required and reports are available on board				
5	Do	SMS on board address cyber risk management				
6	Docume	Risk assessments records are available				
7		Personnel onboard meet the requirements of MSMC				
8	Check	Work and rest hours records updated as required				
9		CSO and DPA contact details are available				
10		Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) updated				
11		Seafarers Employment Agreements (SEA) valid and signed by all interested parties				
12		ISPS Security level set correctly as per Flag State and Port Authorities requirement				
13		Ballast water records are up to date and ballast plan is available				
14		Safety (fire, abandon, enclosed space, etc.) and Security				
15		Manuals (e.g. stability, SOPEP, damage control plan,				

No.	Area	Items to check and verify before port arrival	YES	NO	COMMENTS
16		Log books of firefighting equipment and Lifesaving appliances (LSA) is up to date			
17		Fire detectors, smoke detectors and heat detectors (with no temporary covers), and the crew must be familiarized with the procedures and equipment for test			
18		Fire dampers, Mechanical Ventilations (working and in good condition)			
19	Fire pr	Fixed fire extinguishing system (CO2 system connected and fully operational with no clogged or corroded nozzles)			
20	otectio	Fire doors not permanently locked, self-closing device in good order (gas tight, no worn packing, etc.)			
21	Fire protection system check	Fire extinguishers (Adequate cylinder pressure, also those located in machine room spaces, service certificate valid)			
22	check	Fire main system in good condition (hoses and isolation valve)			
23	^	Fire pump and its pipes in good order (Good pressure on deck and remote means of operation working correctly)			
24		Quick closing valves in good order (Remote control devices)			
25		Muster lists and Fire Plans (updated and posted)			
26		All personnel familiar with signals, muster station and duties in case of emergencies			
27		Emergency escapes free of obstructions			
28	L	Operational readiness of lifesaving appliances (engines, davits and falls ready to use)			
29	Life Savin	Rescue boats and lifeboats are in good condition (Lifeboat windows have good visibility, steering, lights, compass, propeller protection, etc.)			
30	g Appli	Lifejackets and immersion suits are in good condition and available for the total number of crewmembers on board			
31	ring Appliances ch	Inflatable life rafts (hydraulic release unit, embarkation ladder, required lifeboat inventory as required, current service period, no expired equipment, etc.)			
32	check	Launching and recovery arrangements for survival craft in good condition (NOT Wasted/Holed davit or defective winch brake)			
33	On	Gangway ladder and moorings (working and arranged properly)			
34	ı de	ISPS Access control procedures duly complied			
35	УĊК	Outside decks (clean and well illuminated)			
36	۷e	Pilot transfer arrangements			
37	On deck verification	Garbage record book up to date and all areas well maintained			
38	on	Accommodations clean, in order and no door hooks in place			

No.	Area	Items to check and verify before port arrival	YES	NO	COMMENTS
39		Ventilators, air pipes, casings in good condition			
40		Weather tight doors are in good condition and close properly			
41	n d	Hatch covers in good condition			
42	leck ve	Emergency source of power - Emergency Generator (able to start automatically and manually)			
43	On deck verification	Emergency lighting (batteries and switches in good condition)			
44	ion	International shore connection and standard discharge connection in good condition			
45		General lighting in good condition (no burned bulbs)			
46	Nautical Publications (latest editions on board)				
47		Lights, shapes and signals working properly and available			
48		Radio equipment, GMDSS, VHF/DSC, MF/HF, EPIRB, AIS, VDR, Radar Transponder, Echo sounder, Speed log, NAVTEX, MMSI number, etc. in good working order			
49	Bridge check	Voyage data recorder (VDR/S-VDR) and ship security alarm system (SSAS) operational, tested and not showing system errors			
50	e ch	LRIT working satisfactorily (conformance test on board)			
51	eck	Nautical charts and ECDIS updated (ECDIS was checked for last ENC updates, PPI cross checked in ECDIS, ECA entries positions cross checked, passage plan, etc.)			
52		Deck Logbook (duly updated and accurate, indicating the working language, entries for ECA (changeover), entries for sewage discharge, etc.)			
53		Oil Record Book (duly updated and accurate)			
54		Steering gear in good order			
55	Air pipes and ventilators in good order				
56		Cleanliness of machinery spaces			
57	Engine Room check	Oil water separator / oil filtering equipment (engine crew has to be able to test it). If PSCOs discover unapproved modifications to the oily water separator piping system, criminal prosecution of the vessel and its crew may result.			
58	Roo	Jacketed piping system for high pressure fuel lines			
59	JM.	Oil Content Meter (engine crew has to be able to test it)			
60	check	Avoid imprudent amount of bilge water, accumulation of oil, fuel leaks, oil soaked lagging in the engine room space			
61		Alarm system of bilge high level working well			
62					
63		Sewage treatment plant (operative, blower working well, cleaning agents, etc.)			
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65			Inert Gas system operational	YES		
66	Engine Room check		Overboard discharge monitoring and control equipment ODME working well			
67		's Only	Audio-visual alarms of high and high-high alarms			
68	1	/	Fixed gas detection system			
69		Sanitary faci	lities working well and clean			
70		Heating, air	conditioning and ventilation in good order			
71		Hospital is cl	ean and in order, medical chest is complete			
72	_	MLC Insuran	ce certificates are valid			
73	MLC	Personal pro	tective equipment (PPE)			
74		Stores available for the intended voyage and well kept (temperature and food segregation)				
75		Seafarers Employment Agreements (SEA) comply with collective bargain agreement (if applicable)				
6	pendin	g, malfunction	nvites companies and Masters, to report Flag State ling or missing items which require additional verified e.g. authorization letter from the Flag State pla	fication;	in case y	ou require a technical

- reduce the likelihood of a Detention by the PSC.
- 7 This checklist must be sent 96 hours before the arrival to the below contact information. For voyages that last less than 96 hours, said document must be sent at least 24 hours before arrival in port.

The failure to comply or omission of this documental requirement may lead to administrative sanctions for the vessel Master and/or Chief Engineer that may result on suspension and/or revocation of licenses, endorsements and/or certificates. Vessel Company may be sanction in equal proportion.

I certify that I have verified, prior to the port arrival, that all items on this list are as expressed above in good working order, except the ones specifically mentioned otherwise;

Master Signature:	-	DPA Signature:		
Master Name:		DPA Name:		
Date:	Vessel Stamp	Email:		
	·	24/7 Phone:		
		Date:		

This Check-list and any inquiries concerning the subject of this Circular or any other request should be directed to:

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