

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-393

- To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Company Designated Person Ashore (DPA), and Legal Representatives of Panama Flagged Vessels.
- Subject:** Australian Port Pre-arrival checklist for Panama flagged vessels.
- Reference:** Law N°. 7 of October 27, 1977, SOLAS, Chapter I, Part B, Rule 11, A y C - AMSA - Targeting of Foreign Vessels for Port State Control (PSC) Examination.

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1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to implement additional assessment requirements to decrease the detention numbers of vessels calling in Australian ports that may be subject to Port State Control (PSC) inspections.
 2. As you are aware AMSA has implemented different focused inspection campaigns and initiatives. This are mainly focused on Bulk carriers and cargo securing in any other vessel.
 3. As Administration we strive to maintain a good standing and become better every day to obtain the associated benefits to Panama Flagged vessels. For this reason, a checklist has been 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 Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

The checklist must be sent ninety-six hours (96hrs) before the vessel arrives to any Australian port to the following email address: psc@amp.gob.pa. For voyages of less than ninety-six hours (96hrs), the checklist must be sent at least twenty-four hours (24hrs) before arrival at port.



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4. The use of this checklist is compulsory for all the Panamanian vessels prior to arrival to any Australian port. This check-list must be signed by the Captain and company DPA. 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.
5. 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.
6. For more details regarding the AMSA inspection and targeting process please refer to the AMSA website listed below:

<https://www.amsa.gov.au/vessels-operators/port-state-control#collapseArea352>

7. **Contact information:**

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June, 2021 – Paragraph # 7 was amended, SEGUMAR Imabari, new email address added.

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