



Technical Circular

No.: 087/2020

Date: 03rd June 2020

Subject: Republic of Panama - Authorized Companies to perform Flag State Inspections / surveys onboard Panama Flagged Vessels

1. Flag State Annual safety inspections or special inspections on Panama flagged vessels are performed only by flag inspectors duly authorized by Panama Administration. These inspections are coordinated through the Navigation and Maritime Safety department of the Administration in accordance with the procedures and legal principles established for it.
2. The list of companies authorized by the Administration to undertake such inspection is provided in the Merchant Marine Circular No. 374. Also the official means for coordination and authorization for an annual safety inspections/surveys or special inspections are only through email address: asi@amp.gob.pa and jlortega@amp.gob.pa
3. In this respect, Panama Administration, vide Letter No. 106-01-238-DGMM dated 21/05/2020 has informed regarding non-authorized company engaged in coordination and performance of the annual safety inspections/surveys on Panama flagged vessels.
4. The Administration vide above letter has further informed that such inspections performed by unauthorized companies can lead to a potential danger for safety of navigation, crew safety and marine environment protection as these are unauthorized and performed outside the procedures established by the Administration.
5. Accordingly, Owners/operators and masters of Panama flagged vessels are advised to use only the authorized companies as provided in Panama MMC-374 to undertake flag State inspections onboard Panama vessels.

Enclosure:

1. Panama Administration Letter No. 106-01-238-DGMM dated 21/05/2020
2. Panama Merchant Marine Circular No. 374



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Panama, May 21, 2020
Letter No.106-01-238-DGMM

**Ship-owners, Ship operators,
Resident Agents,
Registry Users**

To whom it may concern,

This General Directorate of Merchant Marine reaffirms that any annual safety inspections or special inspections, performed by a flag inspector duly authorized by the Republic of Panama, will only be coordinated through the Flag State Section of the Navigation and Maritime Safety Department of this General Directorate, following the procedures and legal principles established for it.

The company **Egyptian Company Pharaohs Marine** has been coordinating and performing annual safety inspection on board the Panama merchant fleet in exchange for commissions, through supposed accredited and qualified personnel. Such coordinations, inspections and collections do not have the authorization and are outside the procedures established by the General Directorate of Merchant Marine; these facts can lead to a potential danger for the safety of navigation, crew safety and marine environment protection, seeking to tarnish the Panama Registry's image.

In this regard, this General Directorate of Merchant Marine informs that the company **Egyptian Company Pharaohs Marine** is not authorized by the Panama Maritime Administration to coordinate and perform any type of inspections/surveys on board Panama flag vessels, as well as its personnel, are not inspectors/surveyors authorized by the Republic of Panama to perform inspections/surveys on Panama flag vessels, much less authorized to collect dues without legal support according to our current national legislation.

The companies authorized by the General Directorate of Merchant Marine of the Panama Maritime Authority are listed in our Merchant Marine Circular No. 374, which can be verified through the following link: <https://panamashipregistry.com/circulars>.

Likewise, the official means for the coordination and authorization for an Annual Safety Inspections/surveys or special inspections are through the following email accounts:

- asi@amp.gob.pa
- jlortega@amp.gob.pa

Finally, we reaffirm that this Maritime Administration is committed to the faithful compliance of its fleet, with the international standards given from the International Maritime Organization, of which we are part, as well as, we have all the disposition to maintain an integrated collaboration and open communication with all our users, in order to avoid future incidents due to unauthorized third parties not accredited by the Republic of Panama.

Without further ado, we are pleased to give our most sincere consideration and appreciation.



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GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF MERCHANT MARINE
(DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE MARINA MERCANTE)
DEPARTMENT OF CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE
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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-374

To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates, Recognized Organizations (RO), Regional Offices, Manning Agencies, Nautical Inspectors, Shipping Companies, Recognized Trainings Organizations B.

Subject: Companies representing the flag state inspectors.

1. As it is known to you on December 20th of 2018, Resolution No.106-96-DGMM of December 10th of 2018 was published in Official Gazette No.28680, which establishes the requirements that must be met by national and foreign companies that wish to be registered by the Flag Inspection Section of the Navigation and Maritime Safety Department of the General Directorate of Merchant Marine, acting as Representatives of the duly authorized Flag State inspectors, in order to carry out procedures in favor of the inspectors before this General Directorate of Merchant Marine.
2. In such Resolution, two (2) calendar months, are established as of the date of publication of the same in the Official Gazette, as deadline for delivery of the documents. Therefore, on February 20th of 2019, the aforementioned deadline was met.
3. After evaluating the documents arrived at our General Directorate of Merchant Marine, below we detail the companies that have complied with all of the requirements set forth in Resolution No. 106-96-DGMM of December 10th of 2018:
 1. Qualitas Marine Surveyor
 2. Marine Surveyors and Consultant Services Corp (MSC)
 3. WIDE
 4. PAN-PHIL-AFRO Registry Services S.A.
 5. IMSA
 6. PANIUS VISIONARY SERVICES INC
 7. TIOS
 8. International Marine Experts S.A.

9. Safety Inspection Services S.A.
10. Isthmus Marine Documentation (IMD)
11. International Maritime Inspectors Inc.
12. Star Shipcare Pte. Ltd
13. Panama Shipping Registrar Inc.
14. Hubel Marine B.V.
15. Global Maritime Consultants Group (Panama) S.A.
16. Argemon Shipping Survey Inspections Services Co., Ltd.
17. International Multi Services S.A.
18. Panama Shipping Surveyor Inc.
19. Legal Marine Tek.
20. Greatsources Shipping Consultants Limited
21. AB Maritime Consultant and Naval Architects
22. International Maritime Consultancy Services S.A.
23. Dutch Lloyd B.V.
24. OCEAN MASTER PERU S.A.C.
25. SEVEN SEAS MARITIME VENTURE S.A.
26. K.P. FITTER AND ASSOCIATES INC.
27. SEA QUEEN 2 SHIPPING, INC.
28. SURVEY & MARINE AUDITS S.L

4. The General Directorate of Merchant Marine has decided to give a deadline until April 15th of 2019, so that companies that have not submitted the documentation do so in order to proceed with the corresponding evaluation. After the date of April 15th of 2019, only the companies that have been evaluated and approved by this General Directorate will be able to proceed with the process.

December, 2019 - Inclusion of a new company in paragraph 3- SURVEY & MARINE AUDITS S.L

December, 2019 - Inclusion of a new company in paragraph 3- SEA QUEEN 2 SHIPPING, INC.

September, 2019 -Inclusion of a new company in paragraph 3- K.P.FITTER AND ASSOCIATES INC.

September, 2019 – Inclusion of a new company in paragraph 3 - SEVEN SEAS MARITIME VENTURE S.A.

September, 2019 – Inclusion of a new company in paragraph 3 - OCEAN MASTER PERU S.A.C.

September, 2019 – Inclusion of a new company in paragraph 3 - Dutch Lloyd B.V.

August, 2019 - Inclusion of two new companies in paragraph 3 - AB Maritime Consultant and Naval Architects and International Maritime Consultancy Services S.A.

August, 2019 - Inclusion of new company in paragraph 3 – Greatsources Shipping Consultants Limited

July, 2019 – Inclusion of two new companies in paragraph 3 – PANAMA SHIPPING SURVEYOR INC., and LEGAL MARINE TEK.

July, 2019 – Canceled of Marine Broker Technical Management Inc.

May, 2019 – Inclusion of new company in the paragraph 3 – INTERNATIONAL MULTI SERVICES S.A.

May, 2019 – Inclusion of new company in the paragraph 3 – ARGEMON SHIPPING INSPECTIONS SERVICES CO., LTD.

May, 2019 – Inclusion of new company in the paragraph 3 – GLOBAL MARITIME CONSULTANTS GROUP (PANAMA) S.A.

May, 2019 – Inclusion of new company in the paragraph 3 – HUBEL MARINE B.V.

April, 2019 - Inclusion of new company in the paragraph 3 - PANAMA SHIPPING REGISTRAR INC.

April, 2019 – inclusion of new company in the paragraph 3 – STAR SHIPCARE Pte., Ltd.

April, 2019 - Inclusion of new company in the paragraph 3 - INTERNATIONAL MARITIME INPECTORS INC.

April, 2019 - Inclusion of new company in the paragraph 3 - ISTHMUS MARINE DOCUMENTATION (IMD)

April, 2019 - Inclusion of two new companies in paragraph 3 - MARINE BROKER TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT INC and SAFETY INSPECTION SERVICES S.A.

March, 2019.

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