



# Technical Circular

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**To whomsoever it may concern**

**Subject: Panama circular on International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) and Ship Security Plan (SSP)**

- Panama maritime Authority has revised Merchant Marine Circulars MMC 123 and MMC 125 regarding ISPS code and Ship Security Plan (SSP).
- In a company's fleet, for vessels on the same trade route and for sister ships operating in the same trade; the Security Assessment for the first ship can be used as a model for each of the other ships engaged in the same trade on the same route. For such cases only ship's specific variations are required to be addressed during the on-scene Security Assessment.
- SSP of the vessel should contain a copy of General Arrangement plan or other drawings of the vessel annotated with all restricted areas of the vessel.
- All restricted areas of vessel to be clearly marked indicating that unauthorized presence within those areas will be considered as breach of security where; clearly marked means the area marked in such a manner that it should communicate its restricted status to any visitors or person onboard.
- Ship owners / operators and masters are advised to be guided by above.

**Enclosure:**

- Panama Merchant Marine Circular MMC-123
- Panama Merchant Marine Circular MMC 125



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