



# Technical Circular

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Date: 07<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Subject: Panama MMN-13/2022 Reg. Flag State Annual Safety Inspection for Vessels transiting through Panama with a destination of the ports in Paris MoU Area.**

1. Panama Maritime Authority with a view to maintain their white list status in the Paris MoU, has made it compulsory for all Panamanian flagged vessels transiting or visiting Panamanian ports prior to their arrival to any port or terminal in Paris MoU area to undergo a Flag Annual Safety Inspection (ASI) as soon as they arrive at any port or terminal in Panama.
2. As provided in the Notice, non-compliance with the provisions of the above requirement will be subject to sanction by the Administration. Refusing for the first time carries a penalty of 10,000.00 USD. The recurrence will be grounds for the cancellation of the Panamanian registry immediately.
3. Ship owners/ operators and masters of Panama flagged vessels are advised to be guided by above and ensure compliance.

**Enclosure:**

1. Panama MMN-13/2022

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# Merchant Marine **Notice**

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

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## **FLAG ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION FOR VESSELS TRANSITING THROUGH PANAMA WITH A DESTINATION OF THE PORTS IN PARIS MOU AREA**

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1. The Paris MoU Inspection and Selection Scheme are based on a ship's Risk Profile, the Inspection and Selection Scheme determines the scope, frequency, and priority of inspections. Periodic Inspections are carried out at intervals determined by the ship risk profile.
2. Panama currently belongs to the Paris MoU white list; however, we have detected an increase in detentions in the Paris MoU.
3. For the aforementioned and to maintain our white list status in the Paris MoU, this Administration has decided that all Panamanian flag vessels transiting or visiting Panamanian ports prior to their arrival to any port or terminal in Paris MoU area, have to conduct a Flag Annual Safety Inspection (ASI) as soon as they arrive.

The current member States of the Paris MoU are Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

4. This Administration exhorts Ship-owners/Operators, Legal representatives of Panamanian Flag Vessels; Panama Merchant Marine Recognized Organizations (RO's), to review the maintenance management system of the ships in accordance with the requirements of the ISM Code.
5. Non-compliance with the provisions of this marine notice will be subject to sanction. Refusing for the first time carries a penalty of \$10,000.00 USD. The recurrence will be grounds for the cancellation of the Panamanian registry immediately.

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