



GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF MERCHANT MARINE



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Dear Inspectors,

Due to the high level of deficiencies found in recent year by PSC authorities related to the ISPS code, the Panama Maritime Authority has decided to implement a concentrated Inspection Campaigns from October 1st until December 31st 2020 focused on ISPS code, through our Annual Safety Inspection Program.

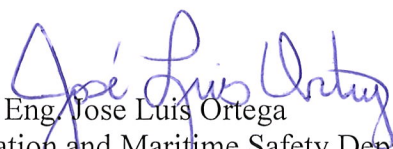
The purpose of this additional verification is to make sure the vessels and their crews are familiar with the requirements ISPS code conditions and its importance for the vessel's safety operations; verifying that the vessels comply with the applicable international instruments.

Taking into consideration the following:

1. Starting October 1st 2020 you must attach the preliminary report with the new check list.
2. The inspector who does not attach the check list to the inspection form will not be entitled to charge for such inspection; it means that inspections without the check list attached will not be paid.
3. It is mandatory to comply with this instruction.

We emphasize at all times that this questionnaire is a complement to the safety inspection and should not affect the development of the ASI. However, if any observation related to the ISPS code is found at the time of inspection; flag inspectors must take note and immediately notify the vessel's captain and the Flag Inspection Section of the Navigation and Maritime Safety Department, about the appropriate corrective measures and preventive action plan taken by the vessel's company in order to avoid future recurrences.

Sincerely,


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