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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-371

To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

Subject: ANNUAL SSAS TEST MANDATORY

Reference: Resolution No.106-107-DGMM October 9, 2017
MMC-133
MMC 206
MMC 359

1. According to MMC-133 all the Panamanian flagged vessels shall be provided with a SSAS, as instructed in the SOLAS 74', as amended (Chapter XI-2 Regulation 6, paragraph #1).
2. **From January 1st, 2018** the annual SSAS TEST is mandatory and will be received through the use of an electronic platform for the Supply and Operation of the Ship Identification and Monitoring System established by **Resolution No.106-107-DGMM dated October 9th, 2017.**
3. **Only one annual SSAS TEST is mandatory through the online platform.** In case of vessels that perform more than one test and require a flag confirmation they should schedule it through the platform or directly to threat@amp.gob.pa. In case of vessel changes name, it will be necessary to schedule a new SSAS TEST, through the platform, in order to verify that the new name was programmed properly.
4. The Administration urges Companies, Company Security Officers (CSO), Ship Security Officers (SSO) and the Recognized Security Organization (RSOs) of Panamanian flagged vessels to verify and comply with this Resolution and the MMC 133.
5. For ships to enter the Panamanian registry as of January 1st, 2018, they must schedule the first SSAS TEST through the use of the new platform, which must be verified by their RSO during the initial verification and from that date onwards, **every 12 months** as mentioned in previous paragraphs. In those cases, please be sure that the Company Security Officer designed by the Company Operator already has the Declaration of Company Security Officer duly endorsement by Panama Maritime Authority (MMC 206) in order to schedule the first SSAS TEST according to MMC 133.
6. In the event of non-compliance with this Resolution and not schedule the annual test, this General Directorate of Merchant Marine may apply the following sanctions:

- The International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) may be invalidated by PMA.
- Additional audits into the ISPS Code of ships that do not comply with the provisions of this Resolution may be authorized.

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