TC NO.	**381/26**	**DATE**	**August 06, 2026**
SUBJECT	**Panama Maritime Authority - Procedure for Port State Control (PSC), 2025 amendments**		
REFERENCES	**Merchant Marine Circular MMC-379**	**REFERS TO**	**PHRS Head Office Staff and Exclusive Surveyors of INTL Network**

1. SCOPE & PURPOSE

The purpose of Technical Circular is to inform all concerned parties about the issuance of **Merchant Marine Circular MMC-379** by the **Panama Maritime Authority**. This Notice informs that the IMO Resolution A.1206(34) was adopted on 3 December 2025, updating the Procedures for Port State Control Inspections, providing basic guidance on the conduct of port State control inspections in support of the control provisions of relevant conventions and parts of the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code) (Resolution A.1070(28)) and afford consistency in the conduct of these inspections, the recognition of deficiencies of a ship, its equipment, or its crew, and the application of control procedures.

2. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

1. Maritime Security (ISPS Code) – Expanded Scope (NEW) Appendix 20
2. LRIT Compliance – Elevated Risk
3. MARPOL Annex VI & Decarbonization
4. Human Element: Competence as a Compliance Pillar
5. Reclassification of Detention Grounds

For the full text please follow the link below.

- **Merchant Marine Circular MMC-379**

For any questions or further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at regulatory@phrs.co.com or Panama's Navigation and Maritime Safety Department at psc@amp.gob.pa.

REQUIRED ACTION: Please acknowledge receipt and understanding of TC 381/26 by 13/08/2026.