

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-201

To: Owners/Operators, Legal Representatives, DPA, and Masters of Panamanian Flagged Vessels and Recognized Organizations.

Subject: Correction of Deficiencies found in ASI Inspections.

Reference: Law No. 57 of August 6, 2008 General of Merchant Marine.
Law N°. 39 of July 8, 1976.
Decree Law No. 56, October 08, 1976.

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1. In order to improve the exchange of information regarding Annual Safety Inspections (ASI) to Panamanian Flagged vessels, this Administration requires to all DPA, Owners/Operators to report to our Flag State Section the corrections of deficiencies raised due to an Annual Safety Inspections within the next 30 days, as it is stated on the ASI Form, Page of the deficiency list to the following email address: marsegur@amp.gob.pa
 2. This procedure shall be included in the vessel's ISM manual. The certification process relevant to a Safety Management Certificate to a ship in the following steps: initial verification, intermediate verification, renewal verification and additional verification shall include a review of the status of the last flag state inspection. In case there is a deficiency or deficiencies not duly closed by this Administration or corrections of deficiencies have not been provided to this office (marsegur@amp.gob.pa) in the period established (30 days) this must be recorded as a finding in the audit report.
 3. The actions taken by the operators/owners to correct the deficiencies found during Annual Safety Inspection, inspections must be send, duly documented (pictures, class or recognized organization survey report, certificate, certificate of maintenance, invoice, documents showing the correction done as supporting evidence depending the type or class of deficiency) as soon as possible to marsegur@amp.gob.pa
 4. Please be advised that the correction of deficiencies shall be sent by the DPA, Operators/Owners using the [Monitoring and Correction of Deficiencies Form](#).



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5. In case that the inspector does not report any deficiency during the flag state inspection is not compulsory for the DPA or contact person send the monitoring and correction form to marsegur@amp.gob.pa but if the DPA or contact person send of mentioned form to marsegur@amp.gob.pa always will be well received by this administration.

May, 2023 - Paragraph 4 accessibility to hyperlink to get the form.

December, 2018 - Modification of paragraph 4 and 5 and deleted paragraph 6.

September, 2017

July, 2017

September, 2016 - Modification of paragraph 2.

February, 2009

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