

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-113

- To:** Owners/Operators and Masters of Panamanian Registered Merchant Vessels.
- Subject:** Compliance with Mandatory Ship Reporting Systems.
- Reference:** Law No. 7 of October 27, 1977 adopted the SOLAS Convention - SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 11.
Resolution MSC.433(98) June 16, 2017 - Guidelines and Criteria for Ship Reporting Systems (**only recommendatory**).
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1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this MMC is to inform the guidelines and criteria associated with SOLAS regulation V/11 and should, in accordance with regulation V/11, be complied with by Contracting Governments when planning and proposing ship reporting systems to the Organization for adoption and implementing such systems after adoption.

2. SCOPE:

Ship reporting systems are mandatory for all ships, certain categories of ships, or ships carrying certain cargoes.

3. REQUIREMENTS:

3.1. Through resolutions adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), amendments to Chapter V of the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention are made to allow for the introduction and implementation of mandatory ship reporting systems.

3.2. Due to continued incidents of non-compliance with this requirement, the Administration requires that Panamanian registered ships sailing anywhere in the world must comply with all mandatory ship reporting systems adopted by the IMO, which are applicable.



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3.3. Masters of ships to which a mandatory ship reporting system applies should report to the shore-based authority without delay when entering and, if necessary when leaving the area covered by the system. Relevant entries will be noted with the words **“Mandatory system under SOLAS Regulation V/11”**.

3.4. Ships that are reported to this Administration, and which are found in violation of the mandatory reporting schemes, will be subject to legal sanctions.

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