



# Merchant Marine Circular

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

## MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-305

- To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Private Security Companies, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).
- Subject:** Rates to the Recognized Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC)
- Reference:** Resolution No.106-13-DGMM of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.  
Resolution No.106-74-DGMM of September 15th, 2016.  
Resolution JD No. 038-2014 of November 12th, 2014.  
Resolution JD No. 002-2015 of January 27th, 2015.  
MMC-228 - Use of Armed Security Personnel on board Panama Flagged Vessels (**online application**).

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1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to officially communicate that on December 11th, 2014 was published in the Official Gazette No. 27678, the Resolution JD No. 038-2014 dated November 12th, 2014, whereby the Panama Maritime Authority establishes the new fees will be paid the Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC).
  2. According to article 1 from Resolution JD No. 038-2014 the following fees are established for the Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC).
    - a) Fee for Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC) wishing to be authorized by the Maritime Authority of Panama.....**US\$1,000.00**  
**(no handling fee is applicable)**  
\*These payments must be made by certified check payable to the Maritime Authority of Panama, nonrefundable, submitted at time of application.
    - b) Annual Fee to the Private Security Companies .....**US\$5,000.00**  
**(no handling fee is applicable)**  
\*The payment of the annual fee must be paid in this form:



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- Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC) authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority from 2012 until December 31, 2014, must make payment of annual fee in advance on or before January 31 of each year.
- Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC) authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority in 2015 until now, must make payment of annual fee no later than one (1) month after the entry into force of the Resolution of Authorization. (Resolution JD No. 002-2015).

The second and subsequent payments of the annual fee should be made on the following calendar year, taking as reference the date on which the Resolution of Authorization entered into force.

- c) All payments can be made at the offices of the Panama Maritime Authority and the Merchant Marine Consulates in the period described above in order to avoid the withdrawal of the authorization granted, with immediate suspension through a Statement of Objections.

**October, 2022** – Modification in paragraph 2 a) and b).

**December, 2020** – Change of PMA phone numbers.

**January, 2016** – Change in paragraph 2 and inclusion of new paragraph.

**August, 2015** – Elimination of paragraph c).

**March, 2015** – Addition of paragraphs on point 2, part b

**December, 2014** – Inclusion of fees and new reference

**November, 2014**

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