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**MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-272**

**To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

**Subject:** Exclusive Surveyors.

**Reference:**

- MSC.208(81) of May 18, 2006 adopted through Resolution No.106-OMI-91-DGMM of Jun 7, 2011
- Resolutions MSC.349(92) and MEPC.237(65) adopted through Resolutions 106-OMI-135-DGMM, 106-OMI-136-DGMM and 106-OMI-137-DGMM
- Resolution J.D. No.019-2005, of November 25, 2005

This Merchant Marine Circular replaces MMC-174.

1. The purpose of this Circular is to kindly inform users of the Panamanian Registry that to Resolution MSC.208 (81) of May 18, 2006, which amends Resolution A. 739(18), referring to the Guidelines pertaining to the authorization of the Recognized Organizations to act on behalf of this Administration, has been added to Annex 1, the new paragraph 2-1, following after the existing paragraph 2.; in consequence this Administration adopted such amendment through Resolution N°. 106-OMI-91-DGMM of June 7, 2011.
2. Furthermore this Administration has adopted the Resolutions MSC.349 (92) and MEPC.237(65) through Resolutions 106-OMI-135-DGMM, 106-OMI-136-DGMM and 106-OMI-137-DGMM, due to the entry into force of the Code for Recognized Organizations (Ro Code) on 1 of January 2015 we would like to clarify the procedure to be followed in case of hiring non-exclusive surveyors and the procedure for reporting exclusive surveyors.
3. In this sense, in case that your Organization requires to hire a non-exclusive surveyor due to non-availability of exclusive surveyors the Recognized Organization shall request authorization to this Administration in a case by case basis. Authorizations shall be requested to Segumar Offices. The RO shall make sure that the hired surveyor is duly qualified, trained and authorized to execute all duties by a Recognized Organization authorized by the Republic of Panama within their level of work responsibility.
4. Furthermore we kindly remind all Recognized Organizations duly approved to act on behalf of the Republic of Panama, the obligation to submit to SEGUMAR Office – Panama and to Navigation and Maritime Safety Department, the complete list of Exclusive Surveyors, appointed to conduct surveys on board Panamanian flagged vessels. The list of Exclusive Surveyors shall include the name, technical training, geographical coverage of all of your surveyors as well as their competence and scope as stated by resolution JD No. 019-2005 of November 25, 2005 and JD No. 39-2014 of November 12, 2014, from Panama Maritime Authority Board of Directors. Moreover please provide the list of Exclusive Surveyors in accordance with the Resolutions mentioned in the reference point. The aforementioned list shall be submitted in Excel format in order to update our files as well as to maintain records. List shall be submitted at every amendment or at the request of this Administration



5. The list of Exclusive Surveyors and any other information shall be submitted to the following emails:  
[rberrocal@segumar.com](mailto:rberrocal@segumar.com) with copy to [ro-panama@segumar.com](mailto:ro-panama@segumar.com)
6. This Administration encourages all Recognized Organizations to comply with this requirement in order to avoid incompliance with the abovementioned Resolutions.

**January, 2023 – CANCELLED and included in MMC 307.**

**February 2020 – Paragraph 5 has been amended, the email address [vpalacios@amp.gob.pa](mailto:vpalacios@amp.gob.pa) deleted.**

**July, 2016 – Redaction of paragraphs 1 and 2 is revised**

*Instructions given in paragraph 4 were extended and clarified*

*New contact e-mails were added in paragraph 5*

*New SEGUMAR contact e-mails were added to the header and signature*

*Resolution J.D. No.019-2005, of November 25, 2005 was added to the references*

**October, 2015 – One more reference point was added, paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 amended**

**April, 2015 - Completely revised –**

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