

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-378

- To:** Ship-owners, Ship-operators, Manufacturers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (RO's).
- Subject:** Announcement of Resolution entry in force January 1st, 2020, for Amendments to the International CODE for Fire Safety SYSTEM (FSS CODE).
- Reference:** a) Resolution MSC.403(96) dated on 19 May 2016 adopted through Resolution No. 107-OMI-218- DGMM.
b) Resolutions MSC.410(97) (Adopted on November 25, 2016). dated on 25 November 2016 adopted through Resolution No. 107-OMI-218-DGMM.

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this Circular is to inform users of the Panama Flag Registry about the content of Resolution MSC.403 (96) (Adopted on May 19, 2016), and the Resolutions MSC.410(97) (Adopted on November 25, 2016), both of them establishing Amendments to the International CODE for Fire Safety SYSTEM (FSS CODE), that came into force on January 1, 2020.

2. Scope / Applicability

- 2.1** We instruct all Recognized organization duly authorize to act on behalf of Panama Republic, to take proper actions for the proper implementation of the above mentioned amendments.
- 2.2** We remind all Panama flagged vessels of 500 GT and above, that they shall maintain a FSS Code and amendments onboard.

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