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FROM | MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT
TO | SURVEYORS/ MANAGERMENTS/ OWNERS/ OPERATORS
SUBJECT | PARIS MOU PRE ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

Dear all,

By this means we would like to draw your attention to the contents of Panama Merchant Marine Circular 398 (**MMC 398 – PARIS MOU Pre-ports arrival checklist for Panama flagged vessels**) regarding the implementation of additional assessments requirements looking to decrease the number of vessels calling in Paris MOU ports that may be subject to PSC inspections.

Due to the recent inclusion of Panama in the Paris MOU Grey list of performance of flag administrations published in latest Annual report, Panama set as his main objective a comeback into the PARIS MOU White list for the next annual report. Recently a checklist has been drawn up by the Panama administration looking to assist vessel owners, operators, technical managers, DPA's and vessel Masters into finding weakness points and weak items that may result into a ground for detention deficiency by PARIS MOU PSC inspectors.

Checklist includes that items must be working and maintained in proper condition as per applicable international regulations from areas such as:

- Documentation
- Fire Protection systems
- Life Saving Appliances
- On deck verification
- Bridge equipment
- Engine Room equipment
- MLC compliance

Paris MOU Pre arrival checklist must be sent 96 hours before vessel's arrival to Paris MOU ports of call and in case of voyages lasting less than 96 hours, the checklist must be sent at least 24 hours before arrival. Checklist will be sent to psc@amp.gob.pa, its use and reporting is mandatory for all Panama flagged vessels and have to be signed by Masters and/or DPA's. In case of extraordinary issues or situations that can't be solved onboard immediately, applicable corrective actions shall be coordinated and taken with assistance from us as vessel's RO and SEGUMAR offices at the same it is informed to PSC authorities for their appropriate knowledge of the matter.

Please note that omission of the pre arrival requirement may lead to administrative sanctions.

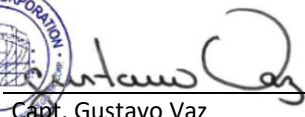
We stay committed on guiding and providing assistance if required for vessels calling into EU ports.

Note: **MMC 398 - PARIS MOU Pre-ports arrival checklist for Panama flagged vessels and Panama Maritime Authority Pre arrival checklist for Panama flagged vessels and MCO-F-61 Port State Control Prevention Checklist** are attached for you reference.

Should you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,




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