



CIRCULAR MCO – 021-2021

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FROM: MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT
TO: SURVEYORS/ MANagements/ OWNERS/ OPERATORS
SUBJECT: REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ISM CODE BY ADMINISTRATION

Dear All:

By this means we would like to draw your attention to circular **MMC-388** that provides a summary of the principal aspects of the Revised Guidelines on the Implementation of the ISM Code by Administrations, applicable to companies and vessels under Panamanian flag.

The Revised Guidelines on the Implementation of the ISM Code by Administrations, establish basic principles for:

- Verifying that the safety management system of a company responsible for the operation of ships, or the safety management system for the ship complies with the ISM Code.
- Carrying out interim, initial, annual and renewal verifications of the Documents of Compliance and the interim, initial, intermediate and renewal verifications of the Safety Management Certificate and the issuing/ endorsement of the corresponding documents.

Recognized Organizations like us are duly authorized by the Administration are responsible for verifying compliance with the requirements of the ISM Code and for issuing Documents of Compliance to companies and Safety Management Certificates to ships.

To comply with the requirements of the ISM Code, companies should develop, implement and maintain a documented safety management system to ensure that the safety and environmental protection policy of the company is implemented. Company policies should include the objectives defined by the ISM Code.

Refer to Appendix of the Revised Guidelines on the Implementation of the ISM Code by Administrations for the following information:

- Introduction;
- Standard of management;
- Standard of competence;
- ISM Code certification scheme management;
- Basic competence for performing verification;
- Practical training for performing verification;
- Qualification arrangements;
- Certification procedures and instructions.

Note: **Circular MMC-388** attached for reference.

All related documents can be found on our website: <https://macosnar.com/> .

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,



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