



## CIRCULAR MCO – 024-2021

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**FROM:** MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT  
**TO:** SURVEYORS/ MANagements/ OWNERS/ OPERATORS  
**SUBJECT:** US PORT PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

Dear All:

By this means we would like to draw your attention to circular **MMC-381** that implements additional requirements in order to decrease the detention numbers of vessels calling in the United States of America subject to PSC inspections.

The US Coast Guard has implemented an initiative to identify high quality ships and flags providing incentives to encourage quality operations, the initiative is called QUALISHIP 21.

One of the main objectives of the Panama Maritime Authority is to be part of the QUALISHIP 21 program and obtain the associated benefits to Panama flagged vessels. A checklist has been drawn up to assist in finding weak items that can result in detentions by Port State Control.

The above-mentioned checklist should be sent ninety-six (96) hours in before arriving to any U.S port to the following email address [psc@amp.gob.pa](mailto:psc@amp.gob.pa) .For shorter voyages the checklist must be sent at least twenty-four (24) hours before arrival at port.

For more details regarding the USCH PSC targeting process, please refer to USCG – Targeting of foreign Vessels for Port State Control (PSC) Examination – Serial CVC-WI-021(1) in the following link <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Inspections-Compliance-CG-5PC-/Commercial-Vessel-Compliance/Foreign-Offshore-Compliance-Division/PortStateControl/R> .

Note: **Circular MMC-381** 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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