



CIRCULAR MCO – 040-2021

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FROM: MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT
TO: SURVEYORS/ MANagements/ OWNERS/ OPERATORS
SUBJECT: PANAMA POLICY ON REMOTE SURVEYS AND REMOTE INSPECTION TECHNIQUES

Dear All:

By this means we would like to draw your attention to circular **MMC-382** with information regarding policies on remote surveys performed by Recognized Organizations and Recognized Security Organizations to Panama flagged vessels.

Remote inspection techniques means a method to conduct remote surveys includes the use of remote/tools such as viewing a livestream of audio and video or data stream, or reviewing information and data by means of iPods, video conference/meetings, visual images, photographs, screenshots, trend analysis printouts or using divers, unmanned robot arm, remote operated vehicles, climbers, drones, or other means acceptable to the Recognized Organizations, however, other means used by Recognized Organizations to conduct remote surveys, should be accepted by the Administration.

Remote Surveys may be used as an alternative to survey on site, employing remote inspection techniques by the crew or ship-designated person, to provide the survey results necessary to the RO appointed surveyor, for the correspondent evaluation, therefore, the survey can be carried out wherever the ship is located and in order to ensure compliance with the applicable international requirements.

For all remote surveys/ audits, the Panama Maritime Authority reserves the right to request that a flag inspector of the personal designated by the General Director of Merchant Marine to participate as a witness.

Note: Circular **MMC-382** 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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