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US Pre-Arrival Checklist for Panama-Flagged Vessels

Panama Maritime Authority issued Circular [MMC-381](#) detailing a pre-arrival checklist for vessels calling the US. A summary of the circular is included below, and the complete circular and checklist are linked in the References section.

Summary of MMC-381

- The purpose of the circular is to implement additional assessment requirements to decrease the detention numbers for vessels calling in the US that may be subject to US Coast Guard Port State Control (PSC) inspections.
- The use of this checklist is **compulsory for all the Panamanian vessels prior to arrival in US ports** and shall be signed by the vessel Master and/or company Designated Persons Ashore (DPA). The omission of this requirement may lead to administrative sanctions for to the vessel Master, and/or Chief Engineer and/or to the vessel company as well.
- The checklist must be sent ninety-six hours (96hrs) before the vessel arrives in a US ports, to the following email address: psc@amp.gob.pa. For voyages that last less than 96 hours (96hrs), the checklist must be sent at least twenty-four hours (24hrs) before arrival at port.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us at inquiry@wittobriens.com.

References

- [Merchant Marine Circular MMC-381, June 2020](#)
- [Pre-Arrival Checklist](#)