

**GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF MERCHANT MARINE
CONSULTING AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution N° 106-35-DGMM

Panama August 22nd, 2008

The subscriber Director of the
General Directorate of Merchant Marine
In use of the faculties conferred by Law,

CONSIDERING

That the Law N° 39 dated 8 July 1976 established the Service of Mandatory Inspections for the vessels of International Service that sail under Panamanian flag in order to determine if they comply with the Safety Regulations by law and national or international regulations in force.

That through Resolution ADM-088-2008 dated August 20th, 2008 repeals the Resolution No. 106-308- DGMM of June 6th, 1999, which order the re-evaluation of the inspector listing performing the Services of annual Maritime Safety Inspection and command the General Direction of Merchant Marine to issue of a new resolution.

That these inspections are performed by naval inspectors working by the Panama Maritime Authority as well as naval inspectors working outside the national territory.

That the international agreements to which the Republic of Panama is subscribed, establishes that the Maritime Administration could perform vessel inspection or recognitions under its registry and through inspectors hired for that matter.

That is necessary to regulate the requirements to evaluate the foreign personnel who apply to perform the job as Maritime Safety Inspector of the General Directorate of Merchant Marine of the Panama Maritime Authority.

RESOLVES

FIRST: Establish the requirements for an ASI Inspector duly authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority in order to confirm their experience and capability to perform such service.

SECOND: All ASI applicants' evaluations to become inspectors are going to be performed by a Technical Commission conformed by:

1. Deputy General Director of Merchant Marine.
2. Chief of the Maritime Safety & Navigation Department or a person appointed by him.
3. One Technical Inspector appointed by the Chief of Maritime Safety and Navigation Department.

This Technical Commission will meet every two months or as needed during this time period.

THIRD: The applicants who wish to perform duties as an ASI inspector must comply with the following requirements:

- 3.0
- 3.1 Fill out the ASI Inspector application Form (F-GPASI-01-01) that will be provided by the ASI section and pay the required fees.
- 3.2 Submit two (2) photos ID size.
- 3.3 Pay the corresponding fees according to the rates for that date.
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- 3.4 Provide copy of the Certificate of Proficiency that certified them as Merchant Marine Captain, Engine Room Chief, or Naval Officer.
- 3.5 Applicants must demonstrate its experience on their professional area in the last 3 years such as: inspections, vessels operations or similar.
- 3.6 The applicant who does not possess, the Captain Title or Engine Room Chief shall present other Title which credits them as professionals of the Maritime Sector in the area of Naval Architecture, Naval Engineer, a Bachelor Degree in Nautical Engineering specializing in Navigation and Marine Transportation, a Bachelor Degree in Nautical Engineering specializing in Naval Engine with a three (3) years minimum experience or have participated on the United Nations Development Program "Project Pan 86/008" for the training as nautical inspector.
- 3.7 Present a Good Health Medical Certificate issued in the official format mode for that effect complying with the minimum requirements.
- 3.8 Present a Copy of Passport.
- 3.9 Due to the strength of the work, every applicant whose age is over 60 years must present a special medical certificate of Good Health with emphasis on the eye, ear evaluation; heart conditions (including effort exam), drugs, alcohol and comments on the applicant's physical condition provided by a Doctor who exerts his practices in the Republic of Panama. The applicant must take these tests yearly.

3.10 Applicants must submit the following updated training evidence at the time the application is submitted:

3.10.1 Inspectors training or

3.10.2 Training for Statutory Certificates.

3.10.2.1 International Load Line Certificate (ILL 66)

3.10.2.2 International Tonnage Certificate (ITC 69)

3.10.2.3 Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate (SAFCON)

3.10.2.4 Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (SAFEQ)

3.10.2.5 Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate (SARCE)

3.10.2.6 Certificates of Training related to MARPOL Annex 73/78

The following trainings are mandatory:

3.11 Certificate of the International Safety Management Code (ISM).

3.12 The International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS).

The following trainings are necessary for each particular case:

3.13 Liquefied Natural Gas Ship Training (LNG), in case of the inspection of this type of vessel.

3.14 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Ship Training (LPG), in case of the inspection of this type of vessel.

3.15 Chemical Ship Training, in case of the inspection of this type of vessel.

3.16 Ballast Water Management Training (Optional).

3.17 The General Directorate of Merchant Marine might require objective evidence of related training to new agreements that will take effect in the future and are ratified by the Republic of Panama.

3.18 If the applicant has training on the Modules established by Resolution A. 789 (19) dated 23rd November 1995, should submit them. The validity of all these documents should be for a five (5) years period.

3.19 Due to the nature of the required services, The General Directorate of Merchant Marine might authorize or reject inspectors with all the required technical requirements.

FOURTH: The Applicants who the evaluation has been approved, an official Inspector Identification or Document will be issued to them valid for two (2) years. The

ASI Official Inspector Identification Card will take effect at the time the ACT with the decision of the Evaluating Technical Commission is signed.

FIFTH: All the mentioned requirements in this Resolution must be notarized by an authorized Public Notary or by a Panamanian General Consul abroad.

SIXTH: In case the applicants are not eligible, they shall make the application process again including the corresponding payment according to the present fees.

SEVENTH: The Administration will provide up-dating training, and will evaluate the ASI inspectors every two years with the purpose of being able to pursuit their continuous knowledge. This does not limit the inspector to take up-dating training courses by their own choice. Previously exposed it does not except to the Administration of being able to give training on new regulations that take effect during these two years, likewise it will provide all the summaries of the IMO meetings if it's considered necessary.

EIGHT: For the effects of the Article Third of this Resolution, the General Directorate of Merchant Marine will recognize the experience of the inspectors who at the time of the signature of the present Resolution are performing the service of the Annual Maritime Safety Inspection.

NINETH: All applicants who have been eligible will have to fulfil the dispositions contained in the agreement to sign with the General Directorate of Merchant Marine. In the cases of the ASI Inspector accreditation card renovation, the inspector will have to update his file by means of the presentation of objective evidence of training and a medical certificate: He will have to make the payment and submit two (2) photos ID size.

The General Directorate of Merchant Marine will take in consideration the evaluation of performance of each inspector to renew the inspector's card.

TENTH: Every Maritime Safety Inspector is required to carry his valid official identification at the time of performing an inspection.

ELEVENTH: The administration will be able to cancel or reject any authorization or application when in opinion of the General Directorate of Merchant Marine is not convenient, is conflicting or has exposed evidence of which the inspector has failed to fulfil with the prescriptions established by this administration in the exercise of his duties.

TWELFTH: The list of authorized inspectors will be available at the management's offices responsible for the Maritime Safety Inspection Program for the effects of the Law.

THIRTEENTH: This Resolution will enter into force from its signature.

LEGAL BASE: Law No. 39 dated 8 July 1976
Decree – Law N° 7 dated 10 February 1998

NOTIFY, PUBLISH AND COMPLY

SIGNED
ENG. ALFONSO CASTILLERO
GENERAL DIRECTOR

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