

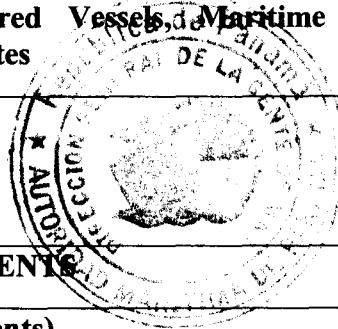


**DIRECCION GENERAL DE LA GENTE DE MAR  
DEPARTAMENTO DE FORMACION MARITIMA**

**Circular No. DGGM-006-05 (Amendments)**

**To: Shipowners/Operators, Masters, Recognized Security Organizations, Marine Inspectors of Panamanian Registered Vessels, Maritime Training Centers and Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates**

**From:**  
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**Subject: ISPS COURSES REQUIREMENTS**

**References: SOLAS 74 (2002 Amendments)  
The International Code for the Security of Ships and Port Facilities  
(ISPS Code)**

**Date: March 7, 2005**

Whereas, Article 33 of Law Decree No. 7 of February 10, 1998, the Directorate General of Seafarers of the Panama Maritime Authority is responsible for enforcing existing legal provisions relating to the education, training, certification and watchkeeping of seafarers, in accordance with the provisions of the international conventions ratified by the Republic of Panama.

Whereas, Resolution ADM No. 140-2003, the Panama Maritime Authority approved the necessary provisions in order to implement the International Ship & Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) and SOLAS amendments 2002.

In this sense, the Directorate General of Seafarers of the Panama Maritime Authority must authorize control and supervise the fulfillment of the educational and training programs conducted by any other institutions engaged in the training or nautical or of marine matters in general.

In order to comply with Regulation I/6 and Section A-I/6 of the STCW 78', in its amended form of 1995, with regards the training and assessment of all seafarers working aboard Panamanian flagged vessels and related, the Panama Maritime Authority hereby notifies:

1. All officers in charge of a navigational watch or any other member of the crew responsible of the security matters onboard Panamanian flagged vessels shall be in possession of a certificate that certify the performance of the following courses:
  - a. Ship Security Officer Course (SSO)
  - b. Automatic Identification System Course (AIS)