



## **Panama Occasional Survey as additional measure to reduce PSC detentions, and relevant Declaration of Compliance**

To: QRS SURVEYORS & OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

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In order to reduce the number of PSC detentions and improve the performance of Panamanian flag vessels, [the Panama Maritime Authority has enacted a series of measures](#) which are described in MMC-380.

One of such measures is an Occasional Survey to be conducted on vessels which are considered a high detention risk, on the part of the Recognized Organization which has issued the vessel's SMC. The parameters of such survey are described in Part 6 of this MMC.

Surveyors undertaking this task shall be guided by the contents of said MMC-380 and the checklist that QRS has produced, TSP-PSCOC-SR. Surveyors should be mindful of the evidence requirements that the FSA mandates, which includes photographs and copies of vessel's records, as described in the MMC. This requirement has been also transcribed in our survey report, for easy reference.

If satisfied, the surveyor shall issue a Declaration of Compliance for Occasional

Survey – Interim -. This document shall be issued with validity of one month only and copy of which shall be submitted to QRS Head Office along with the Survey Report and supporting evidence, who in turn shall issue a FT Declaration of Compliance (valid for 6 months from the completion of survey) and submit the documentation to the Panama Maritime Authority.

Any doubts, questions or comments to be addressed to QRS HO.

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