



CIRCULAR TO SHIP OWNERS, MASTERS, AGENTS AND ALL RELEVANT PARTIES.

Enforcement of the International Code for the Security of Ships and Port Facilities (ISPS Code)

1. Implementation Date

Following a dialogue with the Marine Department on 6th February 2004, owners are again reminded that there will be no extension of the 1st July dateline for ships to comply with the ISPS Code.

2. Ship Security Officer (SSO)

2.1 All ship security officers shall be trained (ISPS-A 13.2) at an approved training institutions and each ship shall be designated with a Ship Security Officer (ISPS-A12.1)

The Training institutions approved by the Marine Department are:

1	Akademi Laut Malaysia Kuala Sungai Baru Melaka	Ship Security Officer (SSO) Company Security Officer (CSO) Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO)
2	Sastra Maritime Academy Sdn. Bhd. No. 40, 1 st Floor, Pusat Pedada, Jalan Pedada, 96000 Sibul Sarawak	Ship Security Officer (SSO) Company Security Officer (CSO) Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO)
3	Sastra Maritime Academy Sdn. Bhd. Lot 23, Block C, 1 st Floor Lazenda Warehouse 3 Jalan Ranche-Ranche P.O. Box 80264 87012 Labuan	Ship Security Officer (SSO) Company Security Officer (CSO) Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO)
4	Innatech Sdn. Bhd. Lot F3, MPL Saguking Industry Estate Jalan Patau-Patau P.O. Box 80592 87015 Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan	Ship Security Officer (SSO) Company Security Officer (CSO) Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO)
5	Centre of Maritime Excellence Sdn. Bhd. No. 47A, Lorong Cungah 42000 Pelabuhan Klang Selangor	Ship Security Officer (SSO) Company Security Officer (CSO)



2.3 The Marine department will recognise a foreign officer as an SSO as long as he has undergone an approved training course with a foreign training institution approved by their respective flag state Administration.

However the flag state in question must be on the MoU list signed by the Marine Department.

2.4 In addition to the SSO required by the Code, every vessel to which the Code applies shall carry an alternative SSO who may be called to replace the existing SSO if required.

3.0 Company Security Officer

3.1 All Company Security Officers are to be trained only at institutions approved by the Marine Department. (see above table)

4.0 Ship Security Assessments (SSA) and Ship security Plans (SSP)

4.1 Ship owners are advised to expedite the preparation of the SSA and SSP in view of the limited time available. Owners are to bear in mind that all applicable ships are required to have a full term International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) by 1st July 2004 for their vessel to be able to trade and for entry into ports in and out of Malaysia which are in compliance with the said Code.

4.2 The SSA and SSP can be carried out by the shipping companies themselves or by the Marine Department approved consultants. (ISPS-A 8.2)

5.0 Audit and issuance of International Ship Security Certificate.(ISSC)

5.1 The final SSP and the SSA on which the security plan was based on shall, be submitted to a Recognised Security Organisation (RSO) for review and approval before implementation on board. (SCM is approved by the Marine Department)

5.2 The minimum implementation period has not yet been specified. However, before a full ship board security audit can be carried out, an internal audit must be carried out by the owners.

5.3 Owners are informed that vessels which have been found to have non-conformities will not be issued an ISSC, therefore any non-conformities raised, are to be closed or rectified by 30th June 2004.

SHIPS CLASSIFICATION MALAYSIA

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