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AMMENDMENTS TO THE SOLAS CONVENTION RELATING TO MARITIME SECURITY. (coming into force of the ISPS Code)

A) A new chapter XI-2 (Special measures to enhance Maritime Security) has been added after chapter XI-1 .

- 1) The new chapter is applicable to the following ships engaged in international voyages:
 - i) Passenger ships, including high speed passenger craft.
 - ii) Cargo ships, including high speed craft of 500 gross tons and above.
- 2) These ships shall have an approved ship security Plan Placed on board and should comply with the requirements of the **ISPS (International Ship and Port Facility Security)** Code.
- 3) Vessel to which the Code applies to should have an International Ship Security Certificate by 1st July 2004.
- 4) Regulation XI-2/6 requires the installation of a '**Ship Security Alert System**' which when activated shall, initiate and transmit a ship-to-shore security alert to a competent authority designated by the Administration.
- 5) The schedule for fitting of the security alert system is as follows:

Type of Ship	Implementation date.
Applicable ships constructed on or after 1 st July 2004	1 st July 2004
Passenger ships, high speed craft constructed before 1 st July 2004	Not later than the 1 st radio installation survey after 1 st July 2004
Oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas carriers, bulk carriers and high speed craft >500GT constructed before 1 st July 2004	Not later than the 1 st radio installation survey after 1 st July 2004
Other cargo ships >500GT constructed before 1 st July 2004	Not later than the 1 st radio installation survey after 1 st July 2006

- 6) Key elements of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code:
 - i) Each ship is required to carry on board a ship security plan approved by the Administration or by a Recognised security organisation.
 - ii) The company shall appoint a company security officer and a ship security officer shall be designated on each ship. These designated personnel are required to receive adequate training from an approved organisation or institution.
 - iii) The ship is required to be able to act upon the security level set by the contracting government, at any given time.
 - iv) An initial verification is to be carried out before the 'Ship Security Certificate' is issued. The verification is to ensure that the security system and any associated security equipment of the ship fully comply with the applicable requirements of the Code.
 - v) Upon satisfactory completion of the initial verification, an International Ship security certificate with a validity not exceeding 5 years shall be issued.
 - vi) The certificate shall be subjected to an intermediate verification which is to be carried out between the second and third anniversary date of its five year period.

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