

## TECHNICAL CIRCULAR

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## TO SHIP OWNER/SHIP MANAGER/INTERESTED PARTIES

## The Ship Security Alert System (SSAS) Test for the Malaysian Flagged Ships

Ship Owners and Managers are advised that Recognised Security Organisation (RSO) Instruction was amended via MSN 03/2022: Amendment To Recognized Security Organization (RSO) Instruction Under Section 249X Merchant Shipping Ordinance (MSO 1952) For Ships Verification And Certification, which enters into force from 22 April 2022.

The summary of instructions could be summarized as follows:

- 1. RSO who carried the interim verification must verify that the SSAS is working properly by performing a real test to:
  - i. Malaysia Maritime Communication Centre (email: mmcc@marine.gov.my) and
  - ii. Designated Authority (email: isps@marine.gov.my).

From that date onwards, real SSAS test shall be conducted to MMCC and DA in a period no longer than twelve (12) calendar months.

- 2. Acknowledgement receipt of the test (by MMCC and DA) should be retained on board as evidence according to ISPS Code A/10.1.10.
- 3. An Interim ISSC shall be valid for six (6) months. RSO may extend interim certificates without prior approval from DA subject to the following conditions:
  - i. Ship operates exclusively within Malaysia Waters, including Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) or Joint Development Area,
  - ii. Extension valid for maximum three (3) months.

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