



**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Marine Notice No. 14 of 2004**

NOTICE TO ALL PORTS, SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS, SHIPMASTERS, SEAFARERS  
AND CHANDLERS

**INTERNATIONAL SHIP & PORT FACILITY SECURITY CODE AND SOLAS  
AMENDMENTS 2002 (ISPS CODE)**

**References: International Ship and Port Facility Security Code  
SOLAS Chapter 74 Chapter V Regulation 19  
SOLAS Chapter 74 Chapter XI-I Regulation 3 and 5  
SOLAS Chapter 74 Chapter XI-2  
Regulation (EC) No. 725/2004-05-20**

Copies of all of the above can be downloaded from the Maritime Security webpage on the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources website at [www.dcmnr.gov.ie](http://www.dcmnr.gov.ie)

**THIS NOTICE IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO PORTS, SHIPOWNERS  
WITH VESSELS ENGAGED ON INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES AND  
SHIPPING AGENTS**

The International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) published by The International Maritime Organisation outlines the obligations of Ports and Shipowners in relation to maritime security.

**Compliance with the International Ship and Port Facility  
Security Code will become mandatory on 1 July 2004.**

The relevant Information can be found as follows

- Chapter XI of SOLAS has been amended and re-identified as Chapter XI-1 and a new Chapter XI-2 has been adopted by the International Maritime Organisation to enhance maritime security.

- Part A of the ISPS Code contains the mandatory requirements regarding the provisions of Chapter XI-2 of SOLAS, 1974 as amended. Part B of the code contains guidance regarding the provisions of Chapter XI-2 of SOLAS 1974, as amended.
- Regulation (EC) No. 725/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on enhancing ship and port facility security contains a number of recommendations from Part B of the ISPS Code, which are mandatory in Member States from 1 July 2004.

#### **THE ISPS CODE APPLIES TO:**

1. The following types of ships engaged on international voyages:
  - a. Passenger ships, including high-speed passenger craft
  - b. Cargo ships, including high-speed craft, of 500 gross tonnage and upwards; and
  - c. Mobile offshore drilling units and
2. Port facilities serving such ships engaged on international voyages.

#### **NON COMPLIANT VESSELS**

**ANY VESSEL LISTED ABOVE NOT IN POSSESSION OF A VALID INTERNATIONAL SHIP SECURITY CERTIFICATE OR AN INTERIM INTERNATIONAL SHIP SECURITY CERTIFICATE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ENTRY TO AN IRISH PORT.**

#### **POINTS OF CONTACT**

##### **Competent Authority**

The Competent Authority and Focal Point for Maritime Security in Ireland will be the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.

##### **All queries should be referred to**

Maritime Safety Directorate  
Department of Communications Marine and  
Natural Resources  
Leeson Lane  
Dublin 2

Telephone: 353 1 6782345/6782353

Email: [maritimesecurity@dcmnr.ie](mailto:maritimesecurity@dcmnr.ie)

## **Ships**

The Irish Coast Guard will be the **point of contact** for Irish flag ships and other ships operating or intending to enter Irish territorial waters, **WHILST AT SEA**, in respect of:

1. advice on security issues;
2. receipt of security information;
3. Ship-to-shore security alerts.

**Contact Details:** Irish Coast Guard  
Marine Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC) Dublin  
Department of Communications, Marine and  
Natural Resources  
Leeson Lane  
Dublin 2

Telephone: 00 353 1 6620922/6620923  
Fax: 00 353 1 6620795  
Radio VHF Channels: 16,67,83, Disc 70

**All other advice or assistance required in relation to general maritime matters should be addressed to Maritime Safety Directorate as above**

<b>AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AIS) - SOLAS Chapter 74 Chapter V Regulation 19</b>
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Regulation 19.2.4.2 has been amended to include a new timetable for the fitting of AIS. The existing subparagraphs .4, .5 and .6 of paragraph 2.4.2 have been replaced with the following text: **.4 in the case of ships, other than passenger ships and tankers, of 300 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 50,000 gross tonnage, not later than the first safety equipment survey after 1 July 2004 or by 31 December 2004, whichever occurs earlier.**

Regulation 19.2.4.7 has been amended to include a new requirement – **Ships fitted with AIS shall maintain AIS in operation at all times except where international agreements, rules or standards provide for the protection of navigational information.**

**SHIP IDENTIFICATION NUMBER - SOLAS Chapter 74 Chapter XI-I Regulation 3**

Regulation XI-I/3 has been modified to require ships' identification numbers to be permanently marked in a visible place either on the ship's hull or superstructure. Passenger ships shall carry the marking on a horizontal surface visible from the air. For ships constructed before 1 July 2004, the requirements shall be complied with not later than the first scheduled dry-docking of the ship after 1 July 2004

**CONTINUOUS SYNOPSIS RECORD (CSR) - SOLAS Chapter 74 Chapter XI-I Regulation 5**

This regulation requires that a ship to which Chapter 1 of SOLAS applies will be issued with a CSR. The CSR is intended to provide an on-board record of the history of the ship.

The CSR will be issued by the Maritime Safety Directorate and shall contain information including the name of the ship, and of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly, the name of the registered owner, the name of the classification society(ies) with which the ship is classed.

Director General  
Maritime Safety Directorate  
Department of Communications, Marine  
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Dublin 2.

8<sup>th</sup> June 2004

For any technical assistance in relation to this Marine Notice please contact  
The Marine Survey Office, 26-27 Eden Quay, Dublin 1 at 01-8744900.  
For general maritime security enquiries please contact the Maritime Safety Division  
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or [maritimesecurity@dcmnr.ie](mailto:maritimesecurity@dcmnr.ie)  
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