

MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

MARINE CIRCULAR TO SHIPOWNERS
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Applicable to: Shipowners, shipmanagers, masters and officers of Singapore ships. This circular brings to the attention of all concerned the Recognised Security Organisation appointed by MPA.

RECOGNISED SECURITY ORGANISATIONS (RSO)
(CHAPTER XI-2 (SPECIAL MEASURES TO ENHANCE MARITIME SECURITY))

Companies as defined in Reg IX/1 of SOLAS 74 and ships are required to comply with Chapter XI-2 (Special Measures to Enhance Maritime Security) and the International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities (the ISPS Code) by 1 July 2004.

2 Under the ISPS Code, each ship shall carry on board a Ship Security Plan (SSP) which are required to be approved by a Recognised Security Organisation (RSO) authorised to carry out verification and certification of compliance of ships with the requirements of Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code on behalf of MPA.

3 The following Classification Societies have been provisionally appointed as Recognised Security Organisations by MPA at the moment:

American Bureau of Shipping (Tel: 6371 2696 Fax: 6275 0258)
Det Norske Veritas (Tel: 6779 1266/9635 1035 Fax: 6779 7269)
Germanischer Lloyd (Tel: 6835 9610 Fax: 6887 4526)
Lloyd's Register of Shipping (Tel: 6278 9444 Fax: 6273 1662)
Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (Tel: 6222 3133 Fax: 6225 5942)

4 The following types of ships are required to comply with Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code:

- Passenger ships, including high-speed passenger craft
- Cargo ships, including high-speed cargo ship, of 500 gross tonnage and upwards
- Mobile offshore drilling units.

5 Owners of these ships are urged to take the necessary action as soon as possible towards drawing up security plans for their ships for approval by an RSO with the aim of obtaining certification for compliance with Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code, bearing in mind that lead time is required for the approval and certification process.

6 As Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code will only come into force on 1 July 2004, ships meeting the requirements of Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code will be issued with a Certificate of Compliance or a Statement of Compliance instead of an International Ship Security Certificate for the time being.

7 Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to Mr. Tan Hock Seng at 6375 6216 (Mobile: 9618 3413).

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