

INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 59

ISPS Code Interpretations

Within the Code various areas are left for the Flag States to decide on the means to comply. The purpose of this Bulletin is to clarify, where possible, how Barbados shall act in these circumstances.

Part A

9.5 The approval of any revisions made to an approved Ship Security Plan (SSP) shall be carried out by the Recognised Security Organisation (RSO) having the authority for initial approval.

10. Security Records retention; we require as a minimum either:
(For the definition of Security Records, see Part A 10, SOLAS XI-2 Regulation 9 paragraph 2.3)

A record of the last ten port calls (including port anchorages) made for either cargo (including lightering) or the receiving of supplies.

Or

Previous six months port calls (including port anchorages) made for either cargo (including lightering) or supplies.

Whichever represents the longer period.

Part B

4.3 It is the intention of this Administration to authorise only the IACS class societies we presently recognise for statutory functions as RSO. Bulletin 60 listed the RSOs having this authorisation.

4.4 Where a RSO has been instrumental in the compiling of the Ship Security Assessment (SSA) and/or SSP the approval of the finalised document shall be carried out by this Administration.
(instrumental does not include the RSO supplying templates for completion in each case)

4.28 Manning levels are currently assessed using the Safe Manning Proposal Safety Case from the security aspect, as introduced by Bulletin 28.

6.3 It is pointed out that the US Coastguard has stated that Security documentation will have to be in English, to avoid possible delays.

- 13 Training, although required and defined regarding its scope in the Code, is not defined regarding the regime that is necessary to certify the CSO and SSO.

The following Administration requirements should be read in conjunction with Section 13.

- CSO : Required to have attended a training course covering the scope as laid down in the Code required for CSOs. The course (including distance learning) shall be one that is authorised for this purpose by this Administration or another.
- SSO : The SSO training may either be external to the company, as for the CSO or it may be carried out internally by the CSO.

In each case the recipient must be in possession of a certificate confirming the fact that the Training requirement of the Code has been fulfilled.

With regard to the duration of validity of any such certification this Administration has decided that these training certificates shall not be limited by an expiry date.

However, when either a CSO or SSO has not been active in exercising these authorities for a period exceeding one year retraining will be required.

For those companies contemplating carrying out SSO training internally, we have attached to this Bulletin a template for a SSO Training Certificate including the required scope.

Barbados Maritime Ship Security Officer Certificate

This is to certify that:

name

Of

address

Has successfully completed a training course

From

date

To

date

And has been found duly qualified to serve as

Ship Security Officer

The aim of the course is to provide detailed knowledge, understanding and proficiency to perform the duties and responsibilities of a Ship Security Officer, as defined in Section A/2.1.6, A/12.2, B/13.1 and B/13.2 of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code.

The participant has demonstrated that he/she is proficient to administer the following requirements:

- 1. Maintain and supervise the implementation of a Ship Security Plan.**
- 2. Assess security risk, threat and vulnerability.**
- 3. Undertake regular inspections of the ship to ensure appropriate security measures are implemented and maintained.**
- 4. Ensure that the security equipment and systems, if any, are properly operated, tested and calibrated.**
- 5. Encourage security awareness and vigilance.**

Signature of Company Security Officer

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