

Subject

Decision on maritime security made 78th session of the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO

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Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

An extract of the report of the 78th session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) held at IMO headquarter in London from 12 to 21 May 2004 regarding maritime security is introduced hereunder, for your information.

1. Distribution of the information on the security submitted by member States
The Secretariat of the IMO informed that they established a dedicated database for the information (Note: The database is accessible at URL "<http://www2.imo.org/ISPSCode/ISPSInformation.aspx>" for the information on the contact points on the maritime security etc for respective member States)
2. SSO training
The Committee reaffirmed the conclusion of the MSC 77 (held in May 2003) as given in paragraphs 18 and 19 of the annex to MSC/Circ. 1097). I.e., until the introduction, in the STCW Convention and in the STCW Code, of mandatory training and certification requirements for Ship Security Officers (SSO), the interim measure, i.e., accepting the International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) as prima facie evidence that Ship Security Officer and ship's security personnel have received training in accordance with the guidance provided in paragraph B/13 of the ISPS Code should be retained.
3. CSO & FPSO Training
The Committee decided not to develop a mandatory instrument but to develop guidelines on the training and certification as a future task of the organization.
4. LRIT (Long Range Identification and Tracking)
A proposal has been made to amend SOLAS Chapter XI-2 requiring new installation called LRIT, to be used for identification and tracking of the ship in the ocean area, i.e., off coast. While basic principle of the function of the installation is agreed (i.e., only to provide information on security, terminate transmission if required, does not interface with AIS), there were still numbers of issues to be discussed regarding details and concrete text of the convention. It was decided to discuss such items in IMO's Sub-Committees dealing with technical details. (NAV and COMSAR).

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5. Matters related to SSAS (Ship Security Alert System)

(1) Provision of information

The database mentioned 1. above information on the SSAS alert recipient. Members States are requested to provide information on this matter.

(2) Double alert - distress and security

While a substantial discussion will take place at the next MSC, a circular expressing concerns were approved as MSC/Circ. 1109.

(The circular can be downloaded at

URL: [:http://www.imo.org/includes/blastDataOnly.asp/data_id%3D9532/1109.pdf](http://www.imo.org/includes/blastDataOnly.asp/data_id%3D9532/1109.pdf))

6. Designation of the master as the Ship Security Officer

The Committee endorsed the conclusion of the FSI Sub-Committee that the provisions of the ISPS Code did not prevent the master from being appointed as the Ship Security Officer.

7. Guidance for PSC

As introduced by our Technical Information No. 594, a resolution MSC 159 (78) - Interim Guidance on control and compliance measures to enhance maritime security was adopted. For the details, please make reference to the Technical Information. (<http://sms.classnk.or.jp/isps/ship/html/Japanese/TEC/T594j.pdf>) Please be advised that the Resolution was also incorporated into the MSC/Circ. 1111 mentioned in item 8 below.

8. Ship's conduct when visiting a port facility not complying with the requirement of ISPS Code.

MSC/Circ. 1111 addressing such issues was approved. The text of the circular can be download at URL:

(http://www.imo.org/includes/blastDataOnly.asp/data_id%3D9381/1111.pdf)

Inter-alia, the following is items relevant to ships' conduct:

- Security measures and procedures to be applied during ship/port interface when either the ship or the port facility do not comply with the requirements of ISPS code
 - Exchange DOS
 - Record the actions taken by the Company Security Officer (CSO) and/or Ship Security Officer (SSO) to establish contact with the Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO)
 - Issue a unilateral DOC in order to record the security measures and procedures put in place by the ship
 - Implement and maintain the security measures and procedures set out in the Declaration of Security
 - Report the actions taken to the CSO and through the CSO to the Administration: and
 - Request the CSO to inform the authorities responsible for the exercise of control and compliance measures (regulation XI-2/9) and the PFSO(s) at the next port(s) of call of the difficulties the ship experienced and of the actions the ship itself took.

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- Security concerns on the port facilities

It is recommended that at first, try to establish contact with PFSO, and to take measures such as exchanging DOS.

- Matters regarding shipyards
 - It is up to the decision of a contracting government whether a ship yard is included in Port Facilities. If so, Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) must be designated, Port Facility Security Plan must be developed based upon Port Facility Security Assessment, for approval.
 - A ship under construction is not considered to be a ship, until the relevant statutory certificates have been issued. When a ship is under construction, the security of the ship is the responsibility of the shipyard.
 - Once the ship completed and receives its ISSC the ship will have to comply with the provisions of its SSP, irrespective of whether the shipyard is a port facility or not.
 - The position of ships under conversion or repair will depend on the approach the ship's Administration
 - The approach taken to the security of ships undertaking sea trials is the responsibility of the State whose flag the ship is flying at the time of its trials. Some form of security measures and procedures may be put in place for the duration of the trials to the satisfaction of the relevant State.
- Record of the last 10 calls at port facilities
It was agreed to interpret that the record keeping requirements should be applicable from 1 July 2004.

9. Receipt and distribution of security alert

MSC/Circ. 1110 was approved. The text of the circular is available at the following URL (http://www.imo.org/includes/blastDataOnly.asp/data_id%3D9381/1110.pdf)

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