



## Maritime Security

### Are you ready for July 2004?

### Time is running out for ship operators to comply with the ISPS Code

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) **International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code** will take effect worldwide from 1 July 2004. Policy makers and regulators have repeatedly emphasised that the Code will be rigorously enforced on a global basis and that non-compliant ships, i.e. those without an International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC), should expect little tolerance or flexibility on the part of port state control officers. Ships unable to demonstrate full compliance should anticipate serious delays, the potential imposition of legal penalties, and the possible denial of entry to certain ports. Non-compliance with ISPS could also have implications for insurance cover.

If shipowners have not yet already done so, they must urgently submit Ship Security Plans for approval by flag states or their Recognized Security Organisations without further delay. Plans should be prepared and submitted regardless of whether the flag state concerned has issued procedures for the approval of SSPs or the issue of International Ship Security Certificates, without which a ship is likely to encounter major hold-ups. Companies should also persist in requesting flag states to provide each ship with a Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR), as required by ISPS, which ships will be expected to carry by July 2004.

To assist operators that may still not be fully prepared, the International Chamber of Shipping has produced this simple two side checklist of actions that must be taken before 1 July 2004. It is emphasised that the work involved to ensure compliance should not be underestimated. Companies which do not submit their SSPs immediately must expect to be caught up in a backlog of flag state approvals.

In the meantime, ship operators are reminded that ICS has produced some tools to assist compliance, details of which are shown on the final page of this document.



## IMO International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code Check Sheet for Individual Ships

### ICS Interpretation of Security Requirements to be Fulfilled by 1 July 2004

Ship Name:

IMO Number: I M O \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**ACTION (tick box as/when completed)**

#### **1 Appoint Company Security Officer (ISPS A/11)**

#### **2 Ship Security Officer (SSO)**

- Designate SSO
- Ensure SSO is aware of, and has the resources to fulfill, his security duties
- Ensure SSO has appropriate knowledge and training by 30 June 2004 (ISPS A/12-13)**

#### **3 Ship Security Plan (SSP) and International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC)**

- Conduct ship security assessment – including an on scene security survey (see Norwegian Shipowners' Association guide at <http://www.rederi.no/forside.asp?d=20042259499>)
- Produce SSP (see ICS Model SSP available from [www.marisec.org/pubs](http://www.marisec.org/pubs))
- Implement SSP, including recording requirements, and commence internal auditing
- Submit SSP to flag state or designated RSO
- Get SSP approval from flag state or designated RSO
- Arrange on board verification survey with flag state or designated RSO
- Obtain ISSC from flag state or appointed RSO
- Ensure the ISSC is on the ship by 30 June 2004**
- Ensure ship has an approved and implemented SSP on board by 30 June 2004 (ISPS A/9)**

#### **4 Continuous Synopsis Record (SOLAS XI-1 Regulation 5)**

- Ensure flag state has the required information on the ship
- Obtain initial Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) from flag state
- Ensure initial CSR is on board the ship by 30 June 2004**

#### **5 Provide ship, by 30 June 2004 (SOLAS XI-2/5), with required information on:**

- Relevant contact details for flag and port state administrations
- Party(s) responsible for appointing the crew
- Parties to any charter party
- Party responsible for deciding how the ship is employed

#### **6 Carriage Requirements**

- Ensure ship is fitted with an Automatic Identification System (no later than 31 December 2004) (SOLAS Chapter V/19)**
- Ensure ship displays IMO number externally and internally (no later than first drydocking after 1 July 2004) (SOLAS Chapter XI-1/3)**
- Develop ship security alert system requirements (see SOLAS Regulation XI-2/6 for time frame)**



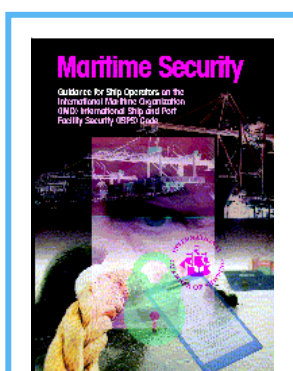
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The following guidance relevant to the implementation of the ISPS Code is available from ICS:



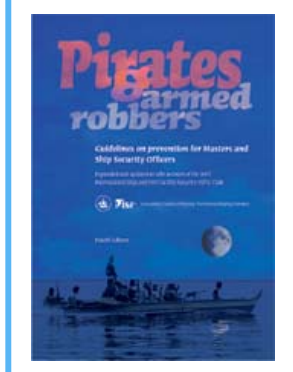
**Maritime Security: Guidance for Ship Operators on the IMO International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code**

1st Edition 2003 (ICS) **£15.00**



**ICS Model Ship Security Plan (With CD)**

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**Pirates and Armed Robbers: Guidelines on Prevention for Masters and Ship Security Officers**

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