



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY TO THE PRESIDENT

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All Recognised Security Organisations (RSOs)

All Registered Owners, Registered Bareboat Charterers,
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

Subject: Maritime Security - Ship Security Plan Approval

I wish to inform you that the Shipping Deputy Ministry (SDM), has decided, in addition to the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 5 of Annex 3 of our Circular no. 24/2015, to issue the below instructions related to Ship Security Plan (SSP) approval based on the experience gained so far and recent cases identified by this Administration:

2. The SSP must be approved by an RSO after the date of registration of a ship in the Cyprus Registry.
3. The SSP must be initially approved by an RSO after the date of interim security verification and certification of a ship and preferably at least three (3) months after the date of issuance of the interim International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC).
4. RSOs are hereby requested to upload on their on-line electronic database the letter of initial SSP approval as well as any future approvals of amendments to a SSP together with the ISSC and the relevant verification reports.

This Circular must be placed on board ships flying the Cyprus Flag.

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