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TRAINING OF COMPANY SECURITY OFFICER (CSO)

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Applicable to: This circular is for the attention of ship owners, managers, company security officers (CSO) of Singapore-flag vessels and surveyors.

This circular provides guidance on the training of a CSO.

The International Ship and Port Facility Code (ISPS Code) requires a shipping company to designate CSO for one or more ships managed by them. The CSO should have appropriate knowledge and received maritime security training. The training requirements of CSO and the topics to be covered in the maritime security training are given in Part A and Part B of the ISPS Code.

2 Owners, shipmanagers and shipping companies are recommended to send their shore-based staff designated as CSO(s) to courses which are conducted in accordance with IMO Model course 3.20 and MSC circular MSC/Circ.1154 – “Guidelines on training and certification for company security officer” to provide them with appropriate training to enable them to discharge their duties effectively. A copy of [MSC/Circ.1154](#) circular is attached.

3. This circular replaces the requirement for training of CSO given in shipping circular No.10 of 2003.

4. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed at Capt Loo Kee Huat (Tel: 63751935).

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