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## Shipping Guidance Notice – 084 Cyber Security for Ships

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To: Ship Owners, Operators, Master's, and Recognised Organisations

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### References

- EC Regulation 725/2004
- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Survey, Certification and Safety) Regulations 2004
- Safety Of Life At Sea (SOLAS) Chapter IX
- International Safety Management (ISM) Code
- Safety Of Life At Sea (SOLAS) Chapter XI-2
- International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities (ISPS)
- MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3
- United Kingdom Department for Transport (Dft) - Code of Practise - Cyber Security for Ships

### Introduction

Taking into account the increased presence of cyber and digital technology systems employed on board ships, IMO has via MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3 recognised the need for ships/owners/operators via risk assessment to mitigate the possibilities of such systems becoming compromised, leading to operational, safety, and security failures.

To this effect, UK Dft have in addition to the guidelines contained within MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3, developed the Code of Practice – Cyber Security for Ships, which, with the exception of references to UK legislation (which may not apply to Gibraltar Registered ships), provides guidance in respect of measures and methods which companies and ships may adopt in respect of cyber security.

### Application

The guidelines of MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3 are recommendatory, though Gibraltar Maritime Administration encourages Gibraltar Registered ships, managers, and operators, to undertake risk assessments in relation to digital and cyber systems, which could be threatened in relation to the operation, safety, and security of ships, and for preventative measures to be developed and implemented via Safety Management and Ship Security systems.

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