



Marine Notice No.10 of 2008

For attention of all Ships Masters, Shipping Agents, Harbour Masters, Port Companies, Local Authorities, County Councils, Ship Owners and Operators

Security & Safety measures required of ISPS Shipping visiting non ISPS Ports and anchorages in Ireland

EU regulation 725/2004 entered into force on March 31st 2004 and requires compliances with the ISPS Code by all SOLAS shipping and nominated Port Facilities engaged in International Trade. [Marine Notice No. 14 of 2004](#) gives general guidance in relation to the implementation of these measures in Ireland.

There are occasions when ISPS vessels require to visit non-ISPS approved ports and anchorages, for example cargo vessels servicing Marine Engineering works, vessels engaged in Oil / Gas exploration, or cruise vessels calling at regional coastal locations.

The purpose of this Marine Notice is to specify the measures required before ISPS vessels are granted approval by the Marine Survey Office to carry out such operations, which in summary is:

- **All ISPS shipping berthing at non-ISPS approved ports are required to complete a Security DoS (Declaration of Security)**
- **In addition, Passenger / Cruise Vessels anchoring and tendering passengers ashore, must complete and return a Tender Safety Plan.**

Non-ISPS Approved Port Facilities and Anchorages

The following applies to all passenger vessels engaged on international voyages and to cargo vessels of 500GT or over engaged on international voyages

Prior Permission to Berth / Anchor

The Shipping Agent / Vessel's Master must undertake the following, for each port it is intended to visit:

- Notify the MSO, at least 21 days before the planned arrival date, of a vessel's proposal to berth at a harbour or pier, which is not ISPS approved.
- Forward the vessel's specific details to the MSO.
- Arrange to forward the necessary 24 hour pre arrival information (ISPS Vessels)
- On arrival arrange for the vessel to complete a Declaration of Security (DoS) prior to any disembarkation of Passengers, Cargo, or Crew.

A list of ISPS approved port facilities is on the Department's website.

At non-ISPS approved ports, the DoS must be completed with the local Harbour Master if present, or an Official from the local County Council, in instances where they have jurisdiction of the port.

The MSO will inform the Shipping Agent as to which harbours, piers or anchorages may be used.

The permission of the relevant harbour authorities or owners of piers at which passengers may be landed should be obtained in good time prior to arrival.

The Vessel's Agent must notify the MSO and the Irish Coast Guard (IRCG) of the finalised list of the agreed harbour berthing operations at least one week before arrival.

Pre Arrival Security Information

The Pre-Arrival Security Information required from an ISPS vessel is to be provided to the MSO in the prescribed form (available on the Department's website) at least 24 hours in advance of entering a port, via the Harbour Master, or forwarded directly by fax or email to the MSO (mso@transport.ie fax no. 00 353 1678 3409)

Declaration of Security

The Declaration of Security Form, is available for download from the Department of Transport's Webpage at www.transport.ie.

A DoS must be completed at each Port visited.

A DoS must be completed by those vessels intending to anchor and conducting tendering operations ashore.

The Ship Security Officer must complete a (DoS) with the Harbour Master or nominated County Council official.

The DoS must define the security requirements and responsibility to be shared between the harbour and the vessel.

The Harbour Master / Council may request input on the security measures to be put in place at their harbour from their local Garda Síochána Crime Prevention Officer.

Each DoS is to be given an individual number as follows:

Harbour Name/###/YEAR, i.e. the name of the harbour or port area, the number of the DoS issued for that harbour or port area, and the year of issue.

Once the security arrangements have been agreed and the DoS has been completed and signed, a copy of the DoS is to be sent by the Harbour Authority to the MSO.

Passenger/Cruise Vessels engaged in Tendering Operations

In addition to the above security measures, any cruise vessel intending to anchor, and land passengers by ships tenders, must arrange for their Agent / Master to undertake the following actions, for each port it is intended to anchor at:

- Notify the MSO, at least 21 days before the planned arrival date, of a vessels proposal to berth in a harbour or at a pier.

- Forward details of the proposed tendering operation – a dedicated questionnaire is available for download from the department's webpage.

Following receipt of an application, the MSO will advise if the proposal will be accepted. [Marine Notice No. 37 of 2003](#) gives further guidance on tender safety planning.

Note:

It is intended, that on the commissioning of Safe Seas Ireland, (SSI), the above arrangements will be incorporated into that system to facilitate users.

Marine Survey Office (MSO): mso@transport.ie,
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Irish Coast Guard (IRCG): Marine Rescue Co-Ordination Centre Dublin at
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