



Circular 2005/004

ISPS – Flagstate procedures

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To whom it may concern,

This circular replaces circular 004/05 Rev.1. It is in addition to Circular 2004/002 and has been amended as a result of the following two events:

- The audit carried out by the European Commission on 30 and 31 March 2006 and the resulting audit-report dated 7 April 2006.
- The signing of the working agreement, in accordance with EU Directive 2009/15 and EU Regulation 391/2009, between the Directorate General of Maritime Transport and the recognized classification societies on 27 June 2006 and coming into force on 27 August 2006.

In annex an overview is enclosed containing interpretations and procedures towards the flagstate, required to implement the ISPS code on Belgian flagged ships. Please note that this circular excludes any port facility security issues.

Considering further development of the ISPS code by the different International Organisations, this circular remains subject to changes. Any amendment will be notified by a subsequent circular.

Yours sincerely,

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RECOGNIZED SECURITY ORGANISATION (RSO)

The recognized organisations presently authorised to perform ISPS-verifications on behalf of Belgium, as specified in this circular, are the following classification societies:

American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)

Bureau Veritas (BV)

Det Norske Veritas (DNV)

Germanischer Lloyd (GL)

Lloyd's Register of Shipping (LRS)

Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NKK)

Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)

Registro Italiano Navale (RINA)

INTERNATIONAL SHIP SECURITY CERTIFICATE (ISSC)

The above mentioned recognized security organisations (RSO's) are authorised to carry out the ISPS verifications related to the International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC), on behalf of Belgium, in accordance with the working agreement, Table IV, section 1.30. This includes the required endorsements of the certificates.

When at the time of completing an initial or renewal verification, an ISSC, issued by BMI, is not available, the RSO may issue a "short term" ISSC with a maximum validity of 5 months. The "short term" ISSC should be replaced, as soon as possible, by a full term ISSC, issued by BMI.

Any Interim International Ship Security Certificate will be issued with a maximum validity of 5 months. Based on exceptional circumstances, an extension of one month may be granted.

Following the satisfactory completion of the initial Ship Security audit of the ship, BMI will issue the full term International Ship Security Certificate, based on the verification-report (mentioned below). A full term International Ship Security Certificate has a maximum validity of 5 years.

In principle only one intermediate verification is to be carried out, it should take place between the second and third anniversary date of the issue of ISSC. However BMI reserves the right, in specific cases, to increase the frequency of the intermediate verifications.

BMI should always be informed of any planned ISSC-audit at least 14 days in advance. This can be done through the BMI specific email address: ism-isps@mobilif.gov.be. BMI reserves the right to carry out any given audit by itself, with or without the assistance of a RSO, or to only witness any given audit which is led by a RSO.

REPORTING TO BMI

Upon completion of any verification, a report should be forwarded, without delay, to BMI. Any report should always be send through, and validated by, the local chief representative of the RSO in Belgium. The report should include at least the following information:

Place and date of the verification

Identification of the audit team

Type of verification (interim/initial/intermediate/renewal/additional)

Audit plan (interviews with the different departments and key-personnel)

Any observations and possible required action

Any recommendations

Copy of the "short term" ISSC (if applicable)

Any questions regarding ISPS may be directed to: Belgian Maritime Inspectorate

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