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INTERIM GUIDANCE ON VOLUNTARY SELF-ASSESSMENT BY COMPANIES AND COMPANY SECURITY OFFICERS (CSOs) FOR

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Applicable to: Shipowners, shipmanagers and shipmasters of Singapore ships and the shipping community.

This is to bring to your attention the circular issued by the Maritime Safety Committee, International Maritime Organisation (IMO) at its eighty-second session (29 Nov to 08 Dec 2006) providing Guidance on voluntary self-assessment by Companies and Company Security Officers (CSOs) for ship security to which SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code apply. The circular MSC.1/Circ.1217 is attached as **Annex A** for your easy reference.

2. SOLAS chapter XI-2 and part A of the ISPS Code, establish mandatory requirements for the implementation of the ISPS Code by Companies. This Voluntary self-assessment tool for Companies and CSOs for ship security (Voluntary self-assessment tool) can be used to examine the status of implementation of SOLAS chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code by Companies.

3. This Voluntary self-assessment tool is intended to help to identify any aspects of SOLAS chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code that the company and CSO can address to enhance the SOLAS chapter XI-2 and ISPS Code implementation process.

4. When using this Voluntary self-assessment tool, the person conducting the voluntary self-assessment should consider SOLAS chapter XI-2, ISPS Code part A and part B, as applicable in accordance with national legislation, and the related guidance developed by the Organization. Anyone undertaking the self-assessment should also consider using this tool in conjunction with the Guidance on voluntary self-assessment by Administrations and for ship security (MSC.1/Circ.1193 dated 30 May 2006), which is available from the Shipping Circular No. 20 of 2006 and accessible from the following link: http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/port_and_shipping/circulars_and_notices/shipping_circulars_detail.page?filename=sc06-20.xml

5. Please take note that this voluntary self-assessment tool for Companies and CSOs for ship security is not a document which can be requested or required to be produced during the exercise of Control

pursuant to the provisions of SOLAS regulation XI-2/9, or by Administrations. In addition, the Committee agreed that those duly authorized by SOLAS Contracting Governments to exercise Control or Control and compliance measures are not vested with any authority to request or require the production from any ship or Company of the Voluntary self-assessment tool for Companies and CSOs for ship security.

6. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to Mr Wong Kai Cheong at Tel: +65 6375 6236.

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[Annex A](#)