

MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

MARINE CIRCULAR TO SHIPOWNERS
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Applicable to: Ship owners, ship managers, masters and officers of Singapore ships.
This circular brings to the attention of all concerned the Recognised Security Organisations authorised by the MPA.

PROVISIONAL AUTHORISATION OF RECOGNISED SECURITY ORGANISATIONS (RSO)

In addition to the five Recognised Security Organisations (RSO) provisionally authorised by the MPA on 25 Aug 2003 vide Marine Circular No. 17 of 2003, Bureau Veritas, China Classification Society and Korean Register of Shipping have also been authorised as Recognised Security Organisations on a provisional basis. Hence, the Recognised Security Organisations provisionally authorised by the MPA so far are:

American Bureau of Shipping (Tel: 6371 2696, Fax: 6275 0258)
Bureau Veritas (Tel: 6275 2886, Fax: 6275 2776)
China Classification Society (Tel: 6324 1618, Fax: 6324 1273)
Det Norske Veritas (Tel: 6779 1266, Fax: 6779 7269)
Germanischer Lloyd (Tel: 6835 9610, Fax: 6887 4526)
Korean Register of Shipping (Tel: 6221 3319, Fax: 6222 6234)
Lloyd's Register of Shipping (Tel: 6278 9444, Fax: 6273 1662)
Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (Tel: 6222 3133, Fax: 6225 5942)

2 Passenger ships of any size, cargo ships of 500 GT and above and mobile offshore drilling units engaged on international voyages are required to comply with SOLAS Chapter XI-2 (Special Measures to Enhance Maritime Security) and the International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities (ISPS Code) by 1 July 2004. Owners of these ships are urged to take the necessary action as soon as possible towards drawing up security plans for their ships for approval by an RSO with the aim of obtaining certification for compliance with SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code, bearing in mind that lead time is required for the approval and certification process.

3 As SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code will only come into force on 1 July 2004, ships meeting the requirements of Chapter XI-2 and the ISPC Code will be issued with a Certificate of Compliance instead of an International Ship Security Certificate by the RSO for the time being.

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