

MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

MARINE CIRCULAR TO SHIPOWNERS NO.22 OF 2003

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Applicable to: Ship owners and ship managers of Singapore ships.

This circular highlights the need for the early implementation of the amendments to SOLAS 74 adopted by the IMO Diplomatic Conference on Maritime Security held in London in December 2002

COMPANY SECURITY OFFICER, SHIP SECURITY OFFICER AND INTERNATIONAL SHIP SECURITY CERTIFICATE

The IMO Diplomatic Conference on Maritime Security held in London in December 2002 adopted several amendments to SOLAS 74. These amendments include the introduction of Maritime Security into SOLAS 74 and incorporate the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. The amendments are expected to come into force on 1 July 2004. Marine Circular No. 3 of 2003 dated 12 March 2003 highlighted the essential elements of these amendments.

COMPANY SECURITY OFFICER(s) (CSO) AND SHIP SECURITY OFFICER(s) (SSO)

2 Among the provisions of Chapter XI-2 of SOLAS 74 which incorporates the special measures to enhance maritime security, owners of ships to which the provisions of Chapter XI-2 of SOLAS 74 applies, are required to designate Company Security Officer(s) (CSO) for one or more ships managed by them and a Ship Security Officer(s) (SSO) on board each ship. A person designated as the CSO may act as the CSO for one or more ships and the company may designate more than one CSO for its ships provided it is clearly identified for which ships the CSOs are responsible for. A SSO, on the other hand, shall be designated on each ship.

3 Owners of ships are required to inform the Singapore Registry of Ships (SRS) on the number of officers that have been trained as the CSO(s) and SSO(s) and the names of the officers designated as the CSOs and their contact details.

INTERNATIONAL SHIP SECURITY CERTIFICATE

4 In accordance with paragraph 19.2 of the ISPS Code, an International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) shall be issued to all applicable ships by 1 July 2004. The ISSC is to be issued by the flag Administration or Recognised Security Organisation (RSO) authorised by the flag Administration. Please refer to Marine Circular 20 of 2003 for the list of Recognised Security Organisations.

5 Owners of applicable¹ ships are required to inform the SRS the expected date their ships would obtain the ISSC certification and the RSO that has been appointed to carry out the certification.

6 Please complete the survey form attached ([Annex A](#)) providing the details as listed in paragraphs 3 and 5 of this Circular and submit to the SRS by e-mail to emily_shalawati_bte_sinab@mpa.gov.sg: or fax to 63756231 early and no later than 31 Dec 03.

7 Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to Mr Chandru S R at 63756217 or Ms Emily Sihab at 63756227.

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¹In accordance with Reg. XI-2/2 of SOLAS, the applicable ships are passenger ships (including high-speed passenger craft), cargo ships (including high-speed craft) of 500 gross tonnage and upwards and mobile offshore drilling units that are engaged on international voyages.