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Applicable to: Shipowners, shipmanagers, masters and officers of Singapore ships.

This circular highlights the performance standards and guidance for the ship security alert systems specified in the amendments to SOLAS 74 adopted by the IMO Diplomatic Conference on Maritime Security held in London in December 2002.

REVISED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE ON PROVISION OF SHIP SECURITY ALERT SYSTEMS

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.

2 [Marine Circular No 3 of 2003](http://www.mpa.gov.sg) dated 12 March 2003 highlights the essential elements of the amendments. The Circular is available at <http://www.mpa.gov.sg>.

3 [Among the provisions of the adopted Chapter XI-2 of SOLAS 74, which incorporates the special measures to enhance maritime security, the ship is required to carry on board the ship security alert system. The requirements are specified in Regulation 6 of Chapter XI-2 of SOLAS 74. The recommended performance standards for a ship security system are specified in Resolution MSC.136\(76\) and these are in addition to the general requirements set out in Resolution A.694\(17\).](#)

4 The MSC has adopted the revised performance standards for a ship security alert system by Resolution [MSC.147\(77\)](#).

5 The ships security alert systems are required to conform to the respective performance standards as follows:

(a) if installed before 1 July 2004, conforms to the performance standards not inferior to those specified in the [Annex](#) to Resolution MSC.136(76) or in the [Annex](#) to Resolution MSC.147(77);

(b) if installed on or after 1 July 2004, conforms to the performance standards not inferior to those specified in the [Annex](#) to Resolution MSC.147(77).

6 In addition, [MSC/Circ.1072](#) provides the guidance on the provision of the ship security alert systems.

7 Resolution [A.694\(17\)](#), Resolution [MSC.136\(76\)](#), Resolution [MSC.147\(77\)](#) and [MSC/Circ.1072](#) are attached to this circular.

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