



GUIDELINES ON THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF A SHIPBOARD OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMME

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

1. The IMO has approved a set of Guidelines on the Basic Elements of a Shipboard Occupational Health and Safety Programme. This set of Guidelines is in the form of MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.3, and attached as **Annex A** to this circular. The elements set out in the Guidelines are applicable to all vessel types and are fundamental pieces of systematic occupational health and safety programme.

2. The attached information is useful to provide guidance to personnel or consultants who are implementing, improving or auditing the effectiveness of shipboard health and safety programmes.

3. Shipowners and ship managers are requested to take note of this set of Guidelines for implementing the ISM Code, with regard to occupational health and safety on board ships. Companies should also set policies, objectives and develop procedures unique to their organization for managing their occupational health and safety programme.

4. Any enquiries relating to this circular may be directed to Mr. Wong Kai Cheong at Tel: 63756236 or Ms. Irene Goh at Tel: 63756225.

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[Annex A](#)