



GUIDANCE ON VOLUNTARY SELF-ASSESSMENT BY ADMINISTRATIONS AND FOR SHIP SECURITY - MSC.1/CIRC. 1193

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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-first session (10 to 19 May 2006) providing Guidance on voluntary self-assessment by Administrations and for ship security to which SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code apply. The circular MSC.1/Circ.1193 is attached as **Annex A** for your easy reference.

2. There are two appendices to the circular. Appendix 1 of the MSC.1/Circ.1193 provides a Voluntary self-assessment questionnaire for use by Administrations while Appendix 2 of the MSC.1/Circ.1193 is a Voluntary self-assessment tool for ship security.

3. Your attention is drawn to Appendix 2 where the Voluntary self-assessment tool allows Companies to self-assess the continuing effectiveness of their ship security plans and the implementation of the relevant security measures in such plans. This tool will also help to identify any aspect of SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code that the ship security officer (SSO) or the company security officer (CSO) can address to enhance the SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and ISPS Code implementation process.

4. Both company and shipboard personnel can use the self-assessment tool with the support of experts, if appropriate. Anyone undertaking the self-assessment should at least have knowledge of the following:

- i. the requirements of SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code, including the related guidance developed by the Organization;
- ii. general security principles; and
- iii. the operation of ships.

5. The processes and the completed self-assessments should be protected from unauthorised access or disclosure.

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](#)