

Port State Control – Information Notice No. 3 of 2008

The purpose of this notice is to advise shipowners, operators, managers and Masters of Isle of Man registered ships of the following;

Security Related Deficiencies at Port State Control Inspections & UK MCA General Inspections

Over the past several months there has been an increase in the number of security related deficiencies reported at both Port State Control Inspections and additional inspections carried out by the UK MCA authorities as General Inspections on Isle of Man registered when visiting UK ports. The latter inspections form part of the UK MCA inspections which are random security-only inspections for vessels in arriving in UK ports. Also there are concerns about an increase in security related deficiencies being raised by the USCG during their security and boarding inspections

The main areas of concern are as follows;

1. Access Control

- Identity Checking, failure to establish visitor(s) identity
- Process, associated record keeping, visitors log book etc.....
- Control of Access Point, control of access to the ship by persons boarding

2. Restricted Areas

- Escape Routes, access control to restricted areas, including locked escape routes
- Control and Monitoring, associated record keeping
- Marking of restricted areas

3. Training

- Exercises, security exercise evidence of completion and shipboard records
- Drills, security training drills
- Associated record keeping in general
- Approved SSO training (refer to Manx Shipping Notice MSN 027) - Ship Security Officer 'Certificates of Proficiency'
- Other crew not being competent to perform security tasks

While it is not considered a security related document but categorised as a ship' s certificate;

4. Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)

- Invalid, or absence of CSR by whatever cause, missing data, missing sequential number(s) of CSR documents

The Ship Registry would remind all Company Security Officers (CSOs), ships Masters, and Ship Security Officers (SSO) of the importance of adhering to;

- the need to keep and maintain a gangway / access watch at all times.

- challenging all visitors to the vessel and requesting proper identification whether or not they are state officials or any uniformed officers (ie USCG Inspection / Immigration or Customs & Border Control Inspectors, UK or any other Port State Control Officer or any official in uniform).
- that adequate training is provided to all shipboard personnel, including those personnel assigned to a gangway watch.
- that shipboard personnel having specific security duties and responsibilities fully understand their responsibilities for shipboard security, and have sufficient knowledge and ability to perform their assigned duties, including amongst others, the meaning and the requirements of the different security levels, and the inspection, control and monitoring requirements needed at different security levels.
- the SSO undertaking regular security inspections to ensure that appropriate security measures are maintained
- the SSO ensuring that drills are carried out at appropriate intervals thus maintaining the effective implementation of the SSP.

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