

Consideration on New Approaches to Maritime Security

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SUMMARY

A new, inclusive security system for international shipping is set to enter into force in July 2004 following the adoption by a weeklong Diplomatic Conference of a series of measures to consolidate maritime security and prevent and oppress acts of terrorism against maritime transportation. The measures represent the culmination of just over a year's intense work by IMO's Maritime Safety Committee and its Intersessional Working Group since the terrorist outrage in the United States in September 2001.

A worry in threatening about ship's safety, passenger and a crew has been reflected by IMO since 1980. And recently, an importance of maritime security is getting emphasized. To have access to maritime security by other way, full knowledge of ISPS Code should be needed.

The International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) was adopted by a Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, convened in London from 9 to 13 December 2002. This ISPS Code aims, among other things, to establish an international framework for cooperation between Contracting Governments, Government agencies, local administrations and the shipping and port industries to detect security threats and take preventive measures against security incidents affecting ships or port facilities used in international trade and to establish relevant roles and responsibilities at the national and international level.

Maritime security includes the responsibility of Contracting Government, ship's security and Port Facility Security. The security plans that will be approved for each ship and port facility. Therefore the thorough preparation for future contingencies, terrorisms and accidents should be carried out. New approaches to maritime security will be starting from the right recognition of current maritime security system.

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