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Information on proposed Port Security Regulations and Public Meeting Items for Discussion

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## **Register Items**

- Appendix A Maritime Security Issues for Discussion
- Appendix B SOLAS Amendments and ISPS Code (Part A is mandatory, Part B is recommended)
- Appendix C Cost Analysis Report for Vessel, Facility, and Port Security

## **Public Meetings**

- West Coast meetings
  - Seattle, Feb. 3
  - Los Angeles/Long Beach, Feb. 5
- Discussion will be about the implementation of SOLAS amendments and ISPS Code including:
  - Application to vessels engaged in domestic voyages
  - Domestic implications of the recommended security measures in recently published NVIC.

## Who should attend?

- Vessel Owners and Operators
- Facility Owners and Operators
- Federal Agencies
- Port Authorities
- State and local governments
- Local emergency responders
- Maritime industry associations
- Other port community stakeholders

## **Issues for Discussion**

- General security provisions
  - Obligations of Government with respect to security
  - Declaration of Security
  - Security of information contained in port, vessel, and facility security assessments and plans
- Port security provisions
  - Port security plans and committees
  - Port security assessments requirement
  - Port security training and exercises

## Issues for Discussion (cont.)

- Vessel security provisions
  - Vessel security requirements
  - Vessel Security Officer designation
  - Certification for vessels
- Facility security provisions
  - Facility security assessments requirement
  - Facility security plans
  - Facility security recordkeeping

## Issues for Discussion (cont.)

- Other security provisions
  - Permanent hull marking requirement
  - Continuous Synopsis Record requirement
  - Security alert system requirement
  - Seafarers' identification criteria requirements
  - Foreign Port Assessments.

## **SOLAS Amendments**

- Ship's ID number shall be permanently marked:
  - On stern or on either side of hull or superstructure, or on horizontal surface visible from air on passenger ships.
- Control and Compliance measures
  - When no International Ship Security Certificate (or valid interim ISSC) is not produced as required, one or more of the following control measures shall be imposed: inspection of the ship, delaying the ship, detention of the ship...

## SOLAS Amendments (cont.)

- Continuous Synopsis Record
  - Issued by Flag State and includes:
    - Name of flag state and date registered
    - Ship's ID number and name
    - Port at which the ship is registered
    - Name of company and its address(es)
    - Name of classification society
    - Name of organization that issued Document of Compliance, Safety Management Cert., ISSC
    - Date on which the ship ceased to be registered with that Flag State
  - Will stay with the ship when it changes owners or flag state registration

# SOLAS Amendments (cont.)

#### Ship security alert system

- When activated shall:
  - Transmit a ship-to-shore security alert to a Competent Authority indicating that the ship is under threat or has been compromised
  - Not send alert to any other ships
  - Not raise any alarm onboard the ship
  - Continue until deactivated or reset
  - Be capable of being activated from the navigation bridge and at least one other location

# SOLAS Amendments (cont.)

- Carriage Requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment
- Requirements for companies and ships
- Specific responsibility of companies
- Threats to ships
- Master's discretion for ship safety and security
- Alternative security agreements
- Equivalent security arrangements
- Communication of information

International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities

- Application
  - Ships engaged in international voyages
    - Passenger ships
    - Cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards
    - Mobile offshore drilling units
    - Port facilities serving such ships engaged on international voyages
- Part A Mandatory requirements
- Part B Recommended requirements

## **ISPS** Part A

#### Declaration of Security

- Ship can request completion of a DoS
- Shall be completed by the master or the ship security officer or the port facility security officer
- Addresses the security requirements that could be shared between a port facility and a ship (or between ships) and shall state the responsibility for each

## ISPS Part A (cont.)

#### Ship Security

- At security level 1, the following activities must be carried out:
  - Ensuring the performance of all ship security duties
  - Controlling access to the ship
  - Controlling the embarkation of persons and their effects
  - Monitoring restricted area to ensure only authorized persons have access
  - Monitoring of deck areas and areas surrounding the ship
  - Supervising the handling of cargo and ship's stores
  - Ensuring that security communication is readily available
- Additional measures at levels 2 & 3 specified in the Ship Security Plan

# ISPS Part A (cont.)

- Responsibilities of Contracting Governments
- Obligations of the Company
- Ship/Port Facility Security Assessment
- Ship/Port Facility Security Plan
- Records
- Company Security Officer
- Ship/Port Facility Security Officer
- Training, drills, and exercises on Ship/Port Facility Security
- Verification and Certification for Ships

## **ISPS** Part B

- Adds to responsibility of Contracting Government
- More instances where a DoS should be completed
- Obligations of the Company
- More guidance on Ship Security Assessment and Plan
- Examples of training
- Specifics on Port Facility Security Assessment and Plan
- Appendix gives form for DoS