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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters and Ship Officers

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLAS CHAPTER XI-2 AND ISPS CODE

PURPOSE: This Circular provides a guideline on a series of issues that have risen following the entry into force on 1 July 2004 of the special measures to enhance maritime security, as a result of the implementation or interpretation of the provisions of SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code.

REFERENCES:

- (i) **Annex I** : ISPS Code
- (ii) **Annex II** : IMO MSC.1/Circ.1132

Note: The above documents can be downloaded from the appropriate Annexes of this Marine Circular.

The IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) recognizes the need for additional information to assist SOLAS Contracting Governments and the industry with the implementation of and compliance with SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code.

The guidelines to the implementation of SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and of the ISPS Code are annexed to this Marine Circular, and provide advice and recommendations, among others, on the following subjects:

1. The setting and responding to security levels
2. Declaration of Security
3. The need for and benefits from an effective and continuing dialogue
4. Familiarization of the Ship Security Officer (SSO)
5. Contacting the Company Security Office (CSO)

Owners / Managers / Operators / Masters / Officers are urged to take note of the guidelines provided.

Yours sincerely,

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