



# CIRCULAR NO.3 -2022/MARITIME SECURITY

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This Circular serves to provide regular information from the Maritime Security Committee established by law about maritime security and security information of interest in Solomon Islands.

The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974 have force of law in Solomon Islands as per the Shipping Act 1998 as amended. The Chapter XI-2 of SOLAS on Special Measures to Enhance Maritime Security and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code contain detailed security-related requirements for governments, port authorities and shipping companies visited by, or operating vessels engaged in international voyages. The Maritime Safety Administration (Ship and Port Security) Regulations 2011 provide for maritime security management and responsibilities in Solomon Islands.

## SECURITY LEVEL

Solomon Islands is currently at the **Security Level 1**. Section 2.1 of the ISPS Code Part A defines **Security Level 1** as: *“the level for which minimum appropriate protective security measures shall be maintained at all times.”*

**Security Level 2** *“means the level for which appropriate additional protective security measures shall be maintained for a period of time as a result of heightened risk of a security incident.”*

**Security Level 3** *“means the level for which further specific protective security measures shall be maintained for a limited period of time when a security incident is probable or imminent, although it may not be possible to identify the specific target.”*

## FROM THE MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE

The Committee requested that all shipping companies through their agents or directly to liaise with relevant agencies to ensure security measures are properly

implemented and activities are declared and comply to applicable laws.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### WHAT DOES PART 4 SECTION 16 – OF THE MARITIME SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (SHIP AND PORT SECURITY) REQUIRE?

Security exercise to test measures and response arrangements must be conducted by the Ports Authority and Port Facility Operators at times required by the Director, and in accordance with any guidelines or codes of practice applied by the Administration under these Regulations. Security exercise shall take the form of - (a) theoretical or desktop exercises; (b) simulated incidents to practice response and handling arrangements; and (c) any other exercise, operation or procedure stated in any approved guideline or code of practice. Security exercise shall test response arrangements to a simulated act of unlawful interference, and - (a) practice call out of all involved elements; (b) test the adequacy of facilities; (c) involve members of the port security committee in the provision of effective support to police operational elements; and (d) test the adequacy of applicable contingency plans. The relevant Port Security Officer and Port Facility Security Officers must review each security exercise and submit a formal report to the Director, and the Maritime Security Committee, within 1 month of the completion of each exercise.

## WHAT DOES PART 9 SECTION 30 OF THE MARITIME SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (SHIP AND PORT SECURITY) REQUIRE?

### INTERNATIONAL SHIP SECURITY CERTIFICATES

All ships to which these Regulations must hold an International Ship Security Certificate which is current for the entire period of its voyage within Solomon Islands waters.

The master of each ship to which these Regulations apply must produce the International Ship Security Certificate, or provide any details relating to it, whenever required to do so by the Administration or the Ports Authority.

### WHAT IS CYBERSECURITY DEFINITION?

Cybersecurity can be defined as “the collection of tools, policies, security concepts, security safeguards, guidelines, risk management approaches, actions, training, best practices, assurance and technologies that can be used to protect the cyber environment and organization and user’s assets.”

### TRADITIONAL SECURITY - ONGOING RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE

Russian troops appear to be redeploying and widespread human rights abuses have been alleged on their withdrawal from key Ukrainian cities. The United Nations Human Rights Council have agreed to establish a commission to investigate violations committed during Russia’s military attack on Ukraine. The United Nations General Assembly has also adopted a resolution suspending Russia from the United Nations Human Rights Council. Russia subsequently resigned from the Council. Casualties continue to rise.

The security environment in Ukraine and the movement of Russian forces remains highly dynamic. The resolution suspending Russia from the Human Rights Council noted grave concern at the ongoing human rights and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, particularly at the reports of violations and abuses of human rights and international humanitarian law by Russia. Findings from the Commission and the International Criminal Court will add important veracity and accountability amidst a highly contested information environment.

Source <https://mailchi.mp/pacificfusioncentre.org/pfc-weekly-open-source-summary-15341868?e=9307f99f16>

### IMO, ILO CALL FOR URGENT ACTION ON 1000 SEAFARERS TRAPPED IN UKRAINE

The heads of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) have called for urgent action to protect seafarers and vessels stranded in Ukrainian ports and nearby waters following the Russian aggression against the country.

According to the IMO, as many as 1,000 seafarers are trapped, including in the besieged city of Mariupol, and on vessels in the Sea of Azov.

In a joint letter to the heads of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), ILO Director-General, Guy Ryder, and IMO Secretary-General, Kitack Lim, outline the plight of seafarers on more than 100 trading vessels who are unable to leave the ports of Ukraine and nearby waters.

See source <http://newsletters.safety4sea.com/tracking/lc/63bd2143-5c8d-4637-9b1f-9ca5f785836e/196b5544-f225-4330-add4-f49ec839529a/49c29b75-3eec-47cd-8989-5e2e7a97717d/>

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