

MORMUGAO PORT TRUST
MARINE DEPARTMENT

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C I R C U L A R

SUB: ISPS CODE – ACCESS CONTROL ON SHIPS

International Ship & Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code has been implemented globally w.e.f. 1st July, 2004. Ships engaged on international voyages and the port facilities serving such ships are required to comply with the requirements of ISPS Code.

Mormugao Port has complied with the requirements of the Code and has prepared a Port Facility Security Plan (PFSP). The PFSP has been approved by the D.G. Shipping on behalf of the Central Govt. and we are required to follow the procedures stipulated in PFSP. Similarly, all ISPS Code compliant ships are required to follow procedures stipulated in the Ship Security Plan (SSP) of the ship. SSP is prepared in accordance with the requirements of ISPS Code and approved by the government of ship's nationality. All concerned are required to co-operate for smooth compliance/implementation of procedures to detect and deter acts which threaten security in the maritime transport sector.

For access control on ships, anyone boarding the vessel is required to follow the procedures stipulated in the SSP. Such procedures may include –

- i) Checking of identity and/or depositing identity card in exchange of visitor's card;
- ii) Searching of bags or other items carried by any person;
- iii) Limiting access, if felt necessary;
- iv) Restricting entry for only authorised persons on valid business, etc.

Ships are free to report any contravention of security procedures or non co-operation from port personnel or other officials, to their government who in turn may take up the issues at international level with International Maritime Organisation (IMO). This may lead to suspension of the port's ISPS Code Compliance Certification which will prevent the ships on international voyage from calling at our port.

In view of above, all concerned are advised to co-operate with the ships' staff while boarding vessels.

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To
All Concerned