**MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE**

**MSN 0607**

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***This notice is hereby issued to Ship owners, Ships Agents, Masters Officers and other concerned parties.***

**MEASURES TO ENHANCE MARITIME SECURITY FOR SHIPS AT ANCHORAGE AREAS OR DRIFTING IN APPROACHES TO PORTS**

**1.0 Introduction**

1.1 Measures to enhance maritime security have been instituted in accordance with the requirements of the International ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and the Merchant Shipping (Ship and Port Facility Security) Regulations, 2004 as amended in 2020

1.2 Proper and necessary measures continue to be implemented to prevent acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships.

**2.0 Measures to enhance maritime security for ships at outer anchorages and port approaches**

2.1 **Ships when waiting to enter port should:**

* Anchor near pilot waiting grounds; and
* Immediately report to the Port Authority any abnormality or incident observed which could lead to a breach of security. The information should be communicated to the relevant port signal station through VHF radio, channels 12, 14 or 16.

**3.0 Interface of ISPS Code compliant ships with non-SOLAS vessels**

**Fishing vessels and other small craft should**:

* Not come close to ships entering port; and
* Not enter pilot waiting grounds and only stop or wait at designated port areas.

**4.0 Guidance**

4.1 While waiting to enter port, ships should anchor or drift in the proximity of pilot waiting grounds or anchorage areas.

4.2 Fishing vessels or small craft should not come close to vessels in anchorage areas or entering port.

**3.0 For Inquiries contact:**

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