

## **Best Practice: Port Marine Circular No. 25 of 2005**



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**Description:** Through the standard distribution means of a Port Marine Circular, The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, provides detailed guidance for establishing security measures when vessels call at non-ISPS compliant ports.

**Discussion:** By presenting arriving ships with detailed guidance of security measures that the host nation expects those ships arriving from non-ISPS compliant ports to have accomplished, ambiguity of procedures is greatly reduced. In addition, the Ship Security Officer (SSO) can follow the well laid out check list which reduces the onboard workload while minimizing the increased security risks of traversing non-ISPS compliance ports.

**Potential Down-side:** Crews could become complacent in viewing this three page checklist as all-inclusive, leading to a reduced emphasis on the ships approved security plan.

**Conclusion:** By proactively defining the security expectations of the host country, both ships and port security agencies can eliminate while still minimizing the security related risks of transiting non compliant ports. SSO's may see the increased paperwork as cumbersome and choose to supplement normal good practices in an effort to save time. However, this creative way of managing ships that choose to transit non-ISPS compliant facilitates can potentially save time and minimize security related risk. The Port of Singapore has found this temporary solution a successful short term method of efficiently managing security risk.

**Cost:** By incorporating this compliance guide into a ports marine circular advisory system, cost is minimized to manpower for development. Incorporation of this procedure may very well save both ships and security agencies time and money.