



International Port Security Program



Port Facility Security Assessments & Port Facility Security Plans

Lesson 2 Working with Recognized Security Organizations (RSO)



Lesson Topics



- Definition of an RSO
- Authorized vs. unauthorized RSO activities
- Selecting an RSO
- Using a checklist of RSO qualifications





Lesson Topics



- 12 minimum capabilities (MSC 1074)
- Developing a formal agreement with an RSO
 - 12 minimum components of the agreement (IMO Maritime Security Manual)



Working with RSOs





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Although it is the responsibility of the Contracting Government/Designated Authority to ensure that PFSAs are conducted and that PFSPs are developed from those assessments, the actual tasks can be delegated to an RSO.



RSO



“An organization delegated specific functions on behalf of the Administration and/or the Designated Authority of the Contracting Government.”





RSO Activities



The ISPS Code is specific about what security-related duties Contracting Governments may delegate to an RSO.



RSO Activities



In no instance may the RSO approve, verify, or certify a work product that it has developed.



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RSO Qualifications



Contracting Governments that choose to delegate some of its authority for maritime security-related matters must ensure that the RSO is qualified and up to the tasks it is assigned.



RSO Qualifications



Persons involved in conducting a PFSA should be able to draw upon expert assistance.

(ISPS Code Part B, Section 15.4)



RSO Qualifications



If an RSO conducts the PFSA, that security assessment must be reviewed and approved for compliance by the Contracting Government within whose territory the port facility is located.

(ISPS Code Part A, Section 15.2.1; Part B, Section 15.1)



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RSO Qualifications



RSOs should be able to demonstrate (by means of established process, procedures, and relevant documentation) the following minimum capabilities.

(ISPS Code Part B, Section 4.5)



RSO Agreements



Governments should satisfy themselves that RSOs have demonstrated the organizational effectiveness and technical capabilities necessary to undertake the specific duties that may be delegated to them.



RSO Agreements



Lesson 2 Activity Working with RSOs



Summary



- Contracting Governments may delegate some security-related responsibilities, but they must ensure that the RSO is capable of the assignment.
- Contracting Governments should always have a written agreement with the RSO outlining their responsibilities and the delegated authority.

