



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: RMI circular on Authorization Procedure for the Embarkation of armed security personnel.

- Guidelines for anti-piracy measures are provided in Best Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Sea (BMP5) and Global Counter Piracy Guidelines for Companies, Masters, and Seafarers (GCPG).
- IMO MSC.1/Circ.1405/Rev.2 provides Guidance on the Use of Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) on Board Ships in The High-Risk Area.
- The use of PCASP is not to be considered as an alternative to Best Management Practices and other protective measures. Placing armed guards on board as a means to secure and protect the ship and its crew is only be considered after a risk assessment has been carried out.
- Taking into consideration above IMO circular, Republic of Marshall Islands has issued a circular RA-03 (copy attached) providing information on authorization procedure for the embarkation of armed security personnel on RMI flagged vessels that have chosen to engage a PCASP team onboard. Detailed regulatory guidance and cautionary advice are provided in administration's notice MN 2-011-39.
- Upon receipt of request from company and/or Master the Administration will issue a letter of non-objection (LONO) to such vessels which may require while calling at various ports with PCASP team onboard.
- For obtaining LONO, the completed **Information Request Form (RA-01)** is to be submitted in original word document format to shipsecurity@register-iri.com at least two (2) days prior embarkation of the PCASP team.
- At conclusion of each voyage the **PMSC-PCASP Assessment Report (RA-02)** is to be completed and returned to administration at shipsecurity@register-iri.com to provide a means for continuous performance evaluation.
- Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to take note of above while engaging PCASP team onboard.

Enclosure:

1. RMI circular RA-03 on Authorization Procedure for the Embarkation of armed security personnel on Republic of Marshall Islands Flagged Vessels.
2. Administration's Forms RA-01 and RA-02

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