



REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE FOR THE EMBARKATION OF ARMED SECURITY PERSONNEL ON REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS FLAGGED VESSELS

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) does not object to Companies and/or Masters taking appropriate measures in regard to the safety and security of their vessels and crew. The decision to hire an armed security detail is left to the Company and/or Master after assessing the security risks in the area where the vessel will be operating, as well as the benefits of available counter piracy guidelines, as described in [BMP5 - Best Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Sea](#), and [Global Counter Piracy Guidelines for Companies, Masters, and Seafarers](#).

The risk assessment shall be in accordance with the IMO [MSC.1/Circ.1405/Rev.2](#) guidelines regarding the use of private contracted armed security personnel (PCASP) and could include discussions with charterers, legal counsel, underwriters, labour representatives, and port officials.

If the Company and/or Master have chosen to engage a PCASP team, the Administrator, [upon request](#), will issue a letter of non-objection (LONO) which may be required while calling at various ports with PCASP on board. Detailed regulatory guidance and cautionary advice are contained within [MN 2-011-39](#). It is imperative that all PMSCs are familiar with the contents of this entire document before serving aboard an RMI flagged vessel.

For issuance of a LONO, the [Information Request Form \(RA-01\)](#) must be fully completed and submitted in its original Word document format to shipsecurity@register-iri.com at least two (2) days prior to the embarkation of the PCASP team.

To provide a means for continuous performance evaluation, the [PMSC-PCASP Assessment Report \(RA-02\)](#) should be completed and returned to shipsecurity@register-iri.com at the conclusion of each voyage.