

# Palau International Ship Registry



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## MARINE CIRCULAR 151.1

**To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, DEPUTY REGISTRARS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**Subject: SHIP SECURITY OFFICERS (SSO)**

### 1. Purpose

1.1 . The purpose of this Circular is to update the responsibilities of the Ship Security officer (SSO) as the person on board, accountable to the master, who is designated by the Company as following:

- Be responsible for the security of the ship,
- Implement and maintain the ship security plan and
- Liaise with the company security officer, the port facility security officers, and this Administration.

### 2. Scope

2.1 All SSOs shall comply with the requirements of the Part A/ Section 12 and Part B/Section 13 of the ISPS Code, shall have the knowledge of, and receive formal training on the topics defined therein.

2.2 All Palau flagged vessels, engaged in international voyages, on which the ISPS Code applies, must have on board a Ship Security Officer (SSO).

It is highly recommended to assign these duties to an officer at the management level (Master, Chief Officer, Chief Engineer or Second Engineer), who shall have completed an approved training course in regard to the requirements of Part A-VI/ 5 of the STCW Code. If the person designated is not the Master himself, it is understood that the Master still holds overall responsibility for the security of the ship, which cannot be relinquished.

2.3 All the Ship Security Officers on PALAU flagged vessels are hereby requested to maintain permanent communication with the Company Security Officer (CSO) in order to comply with the Ship Security Plan.



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2.4 This Administration urges all SSO's on board PALAU flagged vessels, sailing in high-risk areas or operating in ports where piracy attacks occur, to carry out a security assessment and development of measures to prevent attacks by pirates or armed robbers and on how to react should such an attack occurs.

### 3. Contact

Any inquiries concerning the subject for this Marine Circular should be directed to the Palau Ship Registry Administrator at [technical@Palaureg.com](mailto:technical@Palaureg.com)

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