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### **Circular Note 1 of 2019**

The Merchant Shipping (Security of Ships) Regulations 2019 entered into force on 01 July 2019.

**2.** The Merchant Shipping (Security of Ships) Regulations 2019 implements the requirements of the SOLAS Convention Chapter XI-2 and the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code with regards to Security of Ships.

**3.** These regulations provide for a set of measures to enhance security of ships whereby every Mauritius ship engaged in international voyages and every foreign ship within the port or territorial sea of Mauritius should have a Ship Security Certificate, a Ship Security Plan and a Continuous Synopsis Record. The regulations establish security levels and a ship security alert system for every ship.

**4.** Furthermore, the regulations ensure that every ship must have a Company Security Officer who advises on potential threats to the ship and also ensures that the Ship Security Plan is prepared, approved and implemented accordingly.

**5.** Moreover, these regulations also provide for a Ship Security Officer who maintains the Ship Security Plan and conducts regular security inspections to make sure that security requirements are duly complied with and has to ensure that personnel entrusted with security responsibilities are fully trained.

**6.** The attention of Masters in command of a vessel is also drawn to section 21 of aforesaid regulations, whereby the master of a ship shall ensure the ship does not enter the territorial sea of Mauritius unless the master reports pre-arrival information at the following time to the Director –

- a.** if the duration of the segment of the voyage before entering territorial sea is less than 24 hours, as soon as practicable but at least 12 hours before entering a port facility in Mauritius;
- b.** if the duration of the segment of the voyage before entering the territorial sea is less than 96 hours but more than 24 hours, preferably before departure but at least 24 hours before entering a port facility in Mauritius; or
- c.** 72 hours before entering the territorial sea.

**7.** The pre-arrival information to be provided by a ship to which these regulations apply shall comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code and Chapter XI-2 of SOLAS Convention.

**8.** The master shall ensure that the ship's automated identification system (AIS) is fully operational at the time of submitting the pre-arrival information.

**9.** Where the ship operator or the master of a ship fails to comply with these regulations, he shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 50,000 rupees.

**10.** A copy of the Merchant Shipping (Security of Ships) Regulations 2019 can be downloaded from the website of this Ministry and is accessible on the link provided hereunder: <http://oceanconomy.govmu.org/English/Shipping%20Division/Pages/Marine-Legislations.aspx>

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