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## 1. General

- .1 This information letter provide further information on Maritime Security, i.e. training of maritime security personnel.
- .2 Course frameworks for proposed model courses for maritime security personnel have been developed during a meeting at IMO in February 2003.
- .3 As a measure to enhance maritime security course frameworks and – outlines have been proposed for SSOs, CSOs and PFSOs. A first draft will be sent by the course developers to IMO by 30 May 2003.
- .4 A validation panel will review the first drafts which of their comments will be forwarded to the course developers by 31 July 2003. The course developers will provide a camera-ready draft of the model courses by 8 September 2003.
- .5 This will leave approximately 9 months for training based on approved IMO model courses for maritime security officers such as SSOs, CSOs and PFSOs.

## 2. Training of maritime security officers

Companies, owners and agents are therefore advised to start training of their maritime security personnel as soon as possible, taking into consideration the following:

- .1 training for SSOs and CSOs shall provide **basic knowledge** to those who may be designated to perform these duties and responsibilities (**not to become security experts**) as defined in section A/2.1.6 and A/12.2 of the ISPS code for SSOs and in A/2.1.7 and A/11.2 for CSOs and on the same basis in the future IMO model course.
- .2 as **entry standards** it is assumed that those attending this training will be serving seafarers (or other shipboard personnel) at the management level or persons employed by a company and are likely to be designated as SSO or CSO. No specific entry requirements are envisaged.
- .3 **documentary evidence** should be issued to those who have successfully completed their training, indicating that the holder has completed a course on "Ship Security" - or "Company Security Officer Training" based on the ISPS - Code and the future IMO model course.
- .4 the outcome of this **training may be achieved through various methods** for example classroom training, in-service training, distance learning, CBT or a

combination of these methods.

- .5 the maximum **number of trainees** should depend on the facilities and equipment available, bearing in mind the aims and objectives of such training.
- .6 the **instructor in charge** of such training should have adequate experience in maritime security matters and should have knowledge of the requirements of SOLAS XI-2 and the ISPS-Code.

### **3. Outlook**

- .1 As of 6 March 2003 Antigua and Barbuda has not authorized any Recognized Security Organizations (RSO) so far, but will do so in due course.
- .2 It is intended to authorize organizations as RSOs, which have submitted proof of their expertise in maritime security matters in accordance with ISPS code B/ 4.5.