Shipping Consultative Committee

Drills and Exercises on Ship Security

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek members' views on the proposed arrangement in conducting the drills and exercises as required under Regulation 13 of the ISPS Code.

Background

- 2. Under Regulation 13, Part A of the ISPS Code stipulates that:
- a) drills shall be carried out at appropriate intervals to ensure the effective implementation of the ship security plan; and
- b) the company security officer (CSO) shall participate in exercises at appropriate intervals to ensure the effective co-ordination and implementation of ship security plans.

Proposal

- 3. To meet the above requirements, taking into account the guidance given in Part B of the ISPS Code, it is proposed that:
- a) drills should be carried out on every Hong Kong registered ships at least once every three months. In addition, in cases where more than 25% of the ship's personnel has been changed, at any one time, a drill should be conducted within one week of the change; and

b) the CSO should organize at least one ship-shore security exercise a year. The ship-shore security exercise should include participation of Marine Department, CSO and ship security officer (SSO) as far as possible.

Advise Sought

4. Members are invited to comment on the Marine Department's position on the issue.

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