

PORT OF DUNDEE LIMITED
Via e-mail

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 11 /2004

EAST COAST OF SCOTLAND

RIVER TAY

International Ship and Port Facility Code (ISPS) Implementation

Following the tragic events of 11th September 2001 the International Maritime Organisation agreed to develop new measures relating to the security of ships and of port facilities.

The measures developed were laid out in the International Ship and Port Facility Code (ISPS).

Please be advised that ISPS implementation will commence at 0001 on the 1st July 2004 in line with the ISPS Code.

Detailed below are procedures required in order to comply.

Vessels not requiring any Pre-Arrival Information

Non-ISPS Vessel:

- Any vessel less than 500 GT; or
- Not Permanently Engaged on International Voyages; or
- Not commercial eg Northern Lighthouse Board

Pre-Arrival

Agents will be expected to forward the attached Pre-Arrival Security Information form to ships for completion. This form should then be forwarded to FTNS directly from the ship or via the agent.

The form should be received in FTNS at least 24 hours in advance of the estimated time of arrival at the Authority's Eastern Limit, or as soon as possible after departure from the last port if less than 24 hours passage.

If a ship arrives at the Eastern Limit without the Pre-Arrival form being received at FTNS or received but incorrectly completed, it will not be allowed to enter the port limits. At this point the vessel will be advised to contact their agent.

Arrival

On arrival at the Eastern Limit VTS will ask the following Questions:

- Do you have a valid International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC)?
- What is your present Security Level?

If the vessel is an ISPS compliant vessel and the answers to the questions above are acceptable, the VTS operator will state the Ports Security Level and the vessel will be cleared to proceed.

If the vessel should have but does not have a valid ISSC it will not be allowed to enter the river and will be reported to the MCA for their action as per the ISPS Code instructions.

Declaration of Security (DoS)

A DOS is a written agreement between a ship and a Port Facility that specifies the responsibilities each party will implement during the ship's stay in port.

A DOS will ONLY be required if:

- The vessel is registered in a Non-SOLAS country (not signed up to ISPS - see attached list); or
- The Port or Ship is at Security Level 3; or
- The Ship or Port makes a specific request.

If a DOS is required it is to be prepared before berthing via fax or e-mail. The form, in all instances, must be completed and signed before ship's crew is allowed to disembark and before loading/discharging. The vessel may require a visit from the PFSO to sign off the DOS but this will usually be undertaken by e-mail/fax at Dundee.

Contact Details

FTNS

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Your full co-operation with the above is required.

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