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# ISPS Code - A Practical Guide. 2004 Update

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**ISPS Code - A Practical Guide. 2004 Update** supersedes the bestselling **ISPS Code - A Practical Guide**, which sold-out in its initial print run.

**ISPS Code - A Practical Guide. 2004 Update** offers a much-needed insight into the complexities of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code - which entered into force on 1 July 2004 - and other important international maritime security initiatives by the European Commission and the US Coast Guard.

The ISPS Code was adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in December 2002 for shipping companies, port facility operators, contracting governments, and all SOLAS ships engaged in international voyages. Official estimates indicate that some 60,000 ships and port facilities had to comply by the July 2004 deadline.

The ISPS Code applies to all SOLAS vessels engaged in international voyages, including:

- all passenger ships and high-speed passenger craft
- all cargo ships over 500gt; and
- all mobile, offshore drilling units

and

All Port Facilities serving such ships

**ISPS Code - A Practical Guide. 2004 Update** contains the full text of the IMO Resolution pertaining to the adoption of the ISPS Code, and the full text of Part A (mandatory) and Part B (recommendatory) which comprise the ISPS Code itself. Additionally, the associated amendments to SOLAS 1974 are reproduced in full, as well as the remainder of the eleven Resolutions adopted by the IMO at its December 2002 conference.

Presented in a format that proved so popular with training establishments, security managers and marine personnel in the initial **ISPS Code - A Practical Guide**, the new title retains the easy-to-reference margin text locators that offer thumbnail indications of the more detailed official text displayed adjacently.

Of particular importance is the full **Keyword Index** that cross-references not only the ISPS Code, but also the SOLAS amendments and IMO Resolutions associated with the subject matter.

The inclusion of **Checklists** and **Overviews** of key elements of the ISPS Code, provides further clarification of the roles and practices of the Code, including Ship and Port Facility Security Assessments; Ship and Port Security Plans, and Company, Ship and Port Security Officers.

Sample Certificate layouts and Forms are also included for most certification and official notification purposes covered by the ISPS Code.

New to the latest title are sections covering:

- IMO Guidance Notices relating to the application of the ISPS Code and maritime security in general
- the European Commission proposals for a Regulation to Enhance Ship and Port Facility Security and a Directive to Enhance Port Security, and
- an overview of the US Coast Guard's Maritime Strategy for Homeland Security and the US Maritime Security Act (MTSA) of 2002

This title, compiled and edited by Peter Moth, is sufficiently comprehensive to provide a definitive source of reference for Contracting Governments and Maritime Authorities, yet suitably compact and readable to be practicable for individual company, ship and port personnel.

The **2004 Update** includes details of a number of ISPS Code provisions and requirements, including:

- Ship Identification Number to be permanently marked on vessel's hulls
- Continuous Synopsis Record kept onboard showing vessel history
- A Ship or Port Security Assessment
- Ship or Port Security Plan
- Ship or Port Security Certificate
- Ship or Port Security Officer
- Company Security Officer
- 24/7 ship to port Security Communication Link
- Training & Drills
- Ship Security Alarm

**ISPS Code - A Practical Guide. 2004 Update** contains the full text of the official IMO "International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code" and SOLAS Amendments 2002  
PLUS

- Check lists
- Authoritative editorial
- Margin text guide

AND

- A Full keyword index

**ISPS Code. 2004 - A Practical Guide** is ESSENTIAL reading for everyone engaged in Merchant Shipping and Port Operations.