

Scope

This model course aims to provide knowledge to those who may be designated to perform the duties and responsibilities of a Ship Security Officer (SSO), as defined in section A-V/5, A-VI-/VI of the STCW and in particular the duties and responsibilities with respect to the security of a ship, for implementing and maintaining a Ship Security Plan and for liaising with the Company Security Officer (CSO) and with Port Facility Security Officers (PFSOs).

Objective

Those who successfully complete this course should be able to undertake the duties and responsibilities as Ship Security Officer, as defined in section A/12.2 of the ISPS Code, which include, but are not limited to:

1. Undertaking regular security inspections of the ship to ensure that appropriate security measures are maintained;
2. Maintaining and supervising the implementation of the Ship Security Plan, including any amendments to the plan;
3. Coordinating the security aspects of the handling of cargo and ships stores with other shipboard personnel and with the relevant Port Facility Security Officers;
4. Proposing modifications to the Ship Security Plan;
5. reporting to the Company Security Officer any deficiencies and non-conformities identified during internal audits, periodic reviews, security inspections and verifications of compliance and implementing any corrective actions;
6. Enhancing security awareness and vigilance on board;
7. Ensuring that adequate training has been provided to shipboard personnel, as appropriate;
8. Reporting all security incidents;
9. Coordinating implementation of the Ship Security Plan with the Company Security Officer and the relevant Port Facility Security Officer; and
10. Action against pirate attacks