

Important Notice for the Employment of Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel on Board R.O.C. Vessels

1. Relevant International Maritime Organization (IMO) and Best Management Practices (BMP) regulations are to be abided by.
2. The plan to employ privately contracted armed security personnel (PCASP) shall be subject to strict risk assessment, and shall cover all of the following elements and motives:
 - (1) The security, safety and protection of the vessel and seafarers
 - (2) Whether or not all forms of self-protection measures have already been enforced
 - (3) The possibility of human injury or death resulting from erroneous use of weaponry
 - (4) The likelihood of an unexpected accident occurring
 - (5) The issue of responsibility and liability
 - (6) The possibility of gradual escalation of the current situation
 - (7) Conformity with international and domestic laws
3. The selection of the private maritime security company (PMSC):
 - (1) Company background information
 - (2) Security companies with complete SOPs for the recruitment, training and management of maritime security personnel
 - (3) Private maritime security companies accredited by accreditation bodies to have met Convention requirements
4. Insurance plan:

The PMSC has insurance coverage for the protection of the company itself, its employees and the third party.
5. The size, composition, equipment and mission of the PCASP team.
6. The command and management of privately contracted armed security personnel from the time they get on board to the time they depart (including the relationship with the captain).

7. Regulations governing the safekeeping of weapons (firearms, knives, etc.) and ammunition possessed by the PCASP while on board the vessel.
8. Regulations governing the use of weapons (firearms, knives, etc.) and ammunition possessed by the PCASP while on board the vessel.
9. Records of safekeeping and use of weapons (firearms, knives, etc.) and ammunition possessed by the PCASP while on board the vessel.