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RE: INTERNATIONAL SHIP AND PORT SECURITY CODE COMPLIANCE

In December 2002, the International Maritime Organization passed the International Ship and Port Security Code (ISPS Code). In order to come into compliance with the Code, we require that companies seeking Continuous Synopsis Records (CSR), to forward us the information requested on Form: **CSR Inquiry**. This form is attached and will be available on the website, www.vanuatuships.com. This information will enable us to issue the required documents for each vessel well in advance of 1 July 2004.

We ask that this information be submitted no later the 1 July 2003. Failure to provide us with this information by the date specified may delay the processing of a vessel's certificate by 1 July 2004.

NOTES ABOUT THE FORM AND WHO SHOULD SUBMIT AN INQUIRY:

Submitting a CSR Inquiry:

1. The Form can be sent to VMSL by fax, e-mail, or post mail; all addresses are noted on the Form.
2. Remember that while the Code covers self-propelled vessels/MODUs over 500 gt, etc., individual Contracting Governments may have more stringent requirements. For example, the United States will require any vessel over 300 gt to be compliant with these requirements. Therefore, vessels intending to meet the US specifications will require a CSR, if they intend to call in US ports.

If you are not sure about the vessel's need for a CSR, please submit the Form and indicate that it should be held until a later date.

Completing the Form:

The Form is self explanatory, however, the following additional information may assist:

1. Fill out all portions of the Form completely. Where you do not have the requested information, for example, the name of the RSO who will issue the Vessel Security Certificate, the information should be provided at a later date.

Amending Your CSR:

CSR information must be amended anytime the information contained on the Form is updated. To amend the CSR information, fill in the portion of the Form that you wish to update, identify the particular vessel needing an updated record, and send it to VMSL.

This requirement must be followed until the vessel is deleted from the Registry. Your vessel may be detained where the CSR is not kept up to date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Best Regards,

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