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**FLEET / SAFETY LETTER 06086.GEN**

**RE: GUIDANCE ON VOLUNTARY SELF ASSESSMENT FOR SHIP SECURITY**

At the recent International Maritime Organization Maritime Safety Committee meeting, MSC.1/Circ.1193 concerning "Guidance on Voluntary Self Assessments for Ship Security" was agreed and distributed by IMO. A copy of the document has been placed on our website [www.vanuatuships.com](http://www.vanuatuships.com), and has been emailed to all company security officers under cover of this Fleet / Safety Letter. Because of its size the document is not being copied here.

Although this guidance tool is not mandatory, and there is no requirement to complete and submit it to the Administration, we recommend that all companies, particularly ISPS compliant companies, review the questionnaire (Appendix 2 of the Annex) and, where they determine that their own procedures can be improved, take steps to do so.

We also encourage every company that makes use of this guidance tool to advise us if the guidance proved to be of value. With your input, we will be able to advise IMO if additional measures need to be taken. We ask you to complete the simple 5 question survey overleaf and return it, preferably by email.

Thank you.

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## QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING THE IMO'S GUIDANCE ON VOLUNTARY SELF ASSESSMENT FOR SHIP SECURITY

1. What type of vessels did you apply this tool to?
2. Were you able to identify any areas that suggested revisions be made to your SSP?
3. Overall, did you find this tool useful? If not, why not?
4. Would you recommend this tool to someone else?
5. Do you have any comments, suggestions or recommendations regarding this tool? Please **BRIEFLY** describe below.