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**Address to,**

SHIP – OWNERS / MANAGERS / MANAGERS, COMPANY SECURITY OFFICERS (CSO), DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS (DCS), RECOGNIZED SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS (RSOS) ANAM TECHNICAL DEPARTMENTS

**SUBJET: SHIP SECURITY ALERT SYSTEM (SSAS)**

REFERENCES: **SOLAS 74 /78 Chapter XI-2 Reg. 6**

**IMO Resolution MSC. 136 (76)**

**IMO Resolution MSC. 147 (77)**

**IMO MSC/Circ. 1072**

**IMO MSC/Circ. 1155**

**IMO MSC.1/Circ.1190**

**ISPS Code 2002**

**1. Purpose**

**1.1** The Purpose of this Circular is to provide instructions and procedures for the programming and use of the Ship Security Alert System (SSAS).

**2. Application**

**2.1** All Comorian vessels must report directly to the National Agency of Maritime Affairs of the Union of Comoros – ANAM – in case of SSAS TEST or SSAS ALERT through the following email address: [security@comorosmaritime.org](mailto:security@comorosmaritime.org)

**2.2** Since vessels currently flying the flag of Comoros have been programmed to report any incident related to security to the address [sssas@nta.gov.km](mailto:sssas@nta.gov.km), the requirement for the transition of messages to the address [security@comorosmaritime.org](mailto:security@comorosmaritime.org) shall be completed no later than 30 June 2020.

**2.3** The relevant confirmation about the correct e-mail address in the SSAS shall be made by the relevant RSO during the ISPS Audit.

**2.4** The following information must be included in the notification email:

1. Name of vessel
2. IMO Number
3. Call Sign
4. Maritime Mobile Service Identity
5. Date and time (UTC)
6. GNSS position (latitude and longitude) of the ship
7. Course and speed



### 3. SSAS TEST

- 3.1 When a SSAS TEST is performed the word “TEST” should be clearly indicated in any transmission. ANAM will confirm the SSAS TEST upon receipt to the vessel’s Owners/Managers or the Company Security Officer (CSO) or the Master.

### 4. SSAS ALERT

- 4.1 Upon receipt of a SSAS ALERT, ANAM will always require information/status of the vessel and the crew on board.
- 4.2 In case of repeatedly false alerts the Owners/Managers or the Company Security Officer (CSO) or the Master must inform immediately ANAM and make necessary arrangements with shore maintenance to repair the fault as soon as possible.

### 5. General

- 5.1 In case of an accidentally false alarm by the SSAS, ANAM must be immediately notified by Owners/Managers or the Company Security Officer (CSO) or the Master
- 5.2 Drills, exercises and tests should be carried out at least once each calendar year, no more than 18 months apart, as per the requirements of ISPS Code, Section 13 of Part A and Section 13-7 of Part B.
- 5.3 ANAM recommends all Comorian Vessels to keep records of all drills, exercises and tests for a minimum period of five (5) years, unless otherwise defined in the Ship Security Plan or the procedures of the Owners/Managers.
- 5.4 The above mentioned records must be kept in English and in the working language of the vessel – if different from English – and may be in electronic format.
- 5.5 These records should be kept in a secure place and be available only to authorized personnel and Authorities that require their review.

### 6. Contact

Should you require any additional information, you may contact our Technical Department as provided below:

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We take this opportunity to reassure that human life, marine environment and property are always considered as a priority for the Maritime Administration of Comoros which is committed to the safety of the maritime industry and the users around the world.



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