

Abstract

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The proposed tiers of using ISO 20858:2007 in port facilities

Abstract The port facilities' compliance with the international ship and port facility security code (ISPS Code) and other international requirements is verified through periodical verifications and reviews carried out by administrations as well as port facilities' operators. These verifications mainly focus on the documentary requirements of the ISPS Code and pay just little attention to the practical aspects of port facility security plan (PFSP) implementation (Teck& Shah,2008). In addition, the periodical verifications and reviews are not considered as a clear evidence for port facilities' compliance for the international requirements. Moreover, this is against the spirit of the ISPS code and usage of PFSPs as proactive procedures and measures that could provide instructions for the executing plans in port facilities capable to provide guidance and references in implementing of the security procedures and measures. having a Statement of Compliance for Port Facility (SoCPF) is not a clear physical evidence for a port facility to prove its fully compliance with the necessary requirements of the ISPS code and the other mandatory international requirements. The aim of this paper is to offer an instrument tool for port facilities to ensure executing and complying with maritime security requirements. Also, it proposes three tiers for using ISO 20858 to accomplish the aim of the paper and recommends using such tiers in Egyptian port facilities. Keywords: ISO 20858, maritime security, Port Facility Security Plan, ISPS Code.