MARINE SECURITY OPERATIONS BULLETIN

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VERIFYING THE VALIDITY OF ELECTRONIC MARINE SECURITY DOCUMENTS ONLINE

PURPOSE

This **Marine Security Operations Bulleting (MSOB)** provides an update to MSOB#2020-004 issued in October 2020, which is hereby rescinded.

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify Canadian marine security stakeholders and Foreign Flag State partners of a new online method of verifying the validity of the following Canadian marine security documents issued electronically:

- International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC);
- *Interim* International Ship Security Certificates (IISSC);
- Canadian Vessel Security Certificate (CVSC);
- *Interim* Canadian Vessel Security Certificate (ICVSC);
- Domestic Ferry Security Certificate (DFSC);
- *Interim* Domestic Ferry Security Certificate (IDFSC).
- Statement of Compliance of a Marine Facility or a Port (SCMFP)
- *Interim* Statement of Compliance of a Marine Facility or a Port (ISCMFP)

BACKGROUND

On April 20, 2016, the International Maritime Organization's Facilitation Committee approved *Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates*, which recommends that maritime organizations offer an electronic way to verify the validity of electronically issued documents. Specifically, this recommendation comes from:

Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates

There are currently eight types of marine security documents that are being issued to stakeholders electronically. As the electronic certification process continues to evolve, the Marine Security Program intends on expanding the issuance of electronic marine security documents to include land-based entities, such as domestic ferry facilities.

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GUIDANCE

It is now possible to verify the validity of certain Canadian marine security documents by accessing https://medv-vdem.tc.gc.ca. To be able to use the Marine Electronic Document Validation (MEDV) web application, the electronic marine security document being verified must bear the following stamp:

Documents that do not show the above stamp have not been issued electronically and cannot be verified online.

In order to verify the validity of Canadian Marine Security Documents, you will need to complete one of the following fields in the MEDV web application with the corresponding value visible on the document:

- Official/Port/Facility number;
- IMO number (Vessel); or
- Unique Document Number (UDN).

Verify the validity of a marine security document

Any comments, suggestions or concerns can be addressed to the Director, Marine Security Operations by e-mail at dirops.marsec-sumar@tc.gc.ca.

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