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GUIDELINES IN SETTING AND COMMUNICATING SECURITY LEVEL

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Pursuant to EO No. 311; Chapter XI-2 IMO SOLAS 1974; The IMO ISPS Code; the IMO MSC Circular 1132 - Guidance Relating to the Implementation of SOLAS Chapter XI-2; DOTC Department Order No. 2004-29; the National Security Program for Sea Transport and Maritime Infrastructure (NSPSTMI), the Office for Transportation Security (OTS) adopts the following guidelines:

I. PURPOSE

To prescribe guidelines for setting and communicating security levels

II. COVERAGE

- A.** Philippine registered ships engaged in international and/or domestic voyage;
- B.** Philippine ports catering to ships engaged in international and/or domestic voyage.

III. DEFINITION

Security Level 1 – the level for which minimum appropriate protective security measures shall be maintained at all times

Security Level 2 – the level for which appropriate additional protective security measures shall be maintained for a period of time as a result of heightened risk of a security incident

Security Level 3 – the level for which further specific protective security measures shall be maintained for a limited period of time when a security incident is probable or imminent, although it may not be possible to identify the specific target

IV. POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

- A.** OTS, as the Designated Authority/Administration, sets the security level for ports within the Philippine territory and for all Philippine flag ships.
- B.** Unless otherwise declared, all ports within Philippine territory and Philippine flag ships operate at Security Level 1.