



# Technical Circular

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## **Subject: GOI - Pre-Arrival Notification of Security (PANS) to Enter the Indian Port Facilities**

1. Indian Administration vide Merchant Shipping Notice No. 13 of 2024 dated 03.09.2024 has provided guidance for vessels entering Indian port facilities in line with the requirements specified under ISPS Code and specifically the Pre-Arrival Notification of Security (PANS).
2. Section 29 of the Merchant Shipping (Ships and Port Facility Security) Rules, makes it mandatory obligation for any ship entering a port within the jurisdiction of India to provide PANS information ninety-six hours prior to its arrival.
3. The reporting requirement of PANS apply to the following vessels on international voyages entering Indian waters, vessels trading in coastal waters or coasting between Indian Ports:
  - a. Passenger ships, including high-speed passenger crafts;
  - b. Cargo ships, including high-speed craft of 500 GT and above;
  - c. Mobile offshore drilling units; and
  - d. Pleasure Yachts
  - e. Sailing Vessel
4. The PANS to be submitted to the concerned port and the relevant regional authority (as per table 1 of the attached MS Notice) at least 96 hours prior to the arrival of the vessel at any Port in India.
5. If the voyage of the vessel is shorter than 96 hours, the PANS to be submitted within 2 hours of departure from the last port.
6. Information regarding armed guards onboard the vessel when calling Indian Ports or transiting through the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is also required to be forwarded to the Indian Nary, Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), Mumbai and the local Customs Authority (through the vessel's agent at the concerned port).
7. Vessel owners/operators and masters are advised to be guided by above and ensure compliance to the requirements set forth in the aforementioned circulars.

### **Encl.:**

- Merchant Shipping Notice No. 13 of 2024



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**Date: 03.09.2024**

**Merchant Shipping Notice no 13 of 2024**

**Subject: Procedure & Requirements for Pre-Arrival Notification of Security (PANS) to Enter the Indian Port Facilities-reg.**

Whereas, the Government of India has ratified the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), and the Convention entered into force on 25th May 1980 through accession. The International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code), was established under Chapter XI-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974 w.e.f. 01st July 2004. The ISPS Code sets forth a mandatory security framework for international shipping, providing comprehensive maritime and port security requirements.

2. Whereas, under SOLAS Regulation XI-2/9.2, a contracting government may require that ships intending to enter its port, furnish the specific information provided under Regulation XI-2/9.2.1 to officers duly authorised by that government to ensure compliance prior to their entry into the port facility. Compliance with this regulation is mandatory.

3. This Directorate has issued various circulars from time to time, to provide guidance to vessels entering Indian port facilities in line with the requirements specified under ISPS Code and specifically the Pre-Arrival Notification of Security (PANS). Accordingly, the PANS reporting for respective vessels is in format prescribed in these circulars.

4. However, there was a need felt to consolidate the existing circulars and revise the requirements in line with the Government policy towards ease of doing business. This circular is being accordingly issued to consolidate all previous circulars including but not limited to NT/ISPS/13/2005 dated 21 November 2005; NT/ISPS/SHIP/02/2009 dated 02 February 2009;

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NT/ISPS/SHIP/02/2011 dated 15 November 2011; NT/ISPS/CIRCULAR No. 01/2011 dated 28 September 2011; NT/ISPS/CIRCULAR No. 01/2020 dated 05 February 2020 issued providing "Guidelines to vessels for entry into Indian Port Facilities - ISPS Compliance related issues".

5. It may be noted that the Merchant Shipping (Ships and Port Facility Security) Rules, 2024 have been notified, requiring ships, ports, and companies to comply with the requirement prescribed in the notified Rules. Section 29 of the MS (ISPS) Rules makes it a mandatory obligation for any ship entering a port within the jurisdiction of India to provide information ninety-six hours prior to its arrival.

6. The reporting requirement of PANS apply to the following vessels on international voyages entering Indian waters, vessels trading in coastal waters or coasting between Indian Ports:

- a. Passenger ships, including high-speed passenger crafts;
- b. Cargo ships, including high-speed craft of 500 GT and above;
- c. Mobile offshore drilling units; and
- d. Pleasure Yachts
- e. Sailing Vessel

7. The Vessels as specified under para 5 or their Ship Master / Ship Owners / Managers / Operators / Ship Agents are required to submit the information contained as per **Annexure - I** (for passenger ships, cargo ships & mobile offshore drilling units) and **Annexure - II** (for yachts) with immediate effect to the relevant regional authorities specified in Table 1 as well as Port Facility Security Officer of the ships port of call.



**Table 1: List of Authorities to be notified**

Agency	Telephone Number	Fax	Email
<b><u>Indian Navy</u></b>			
<b>For Ports in Gujarat, Daman &amp; Diu, Maharashtra, Goa &amp; Karnataka</b>			
Joint Operations Centre, Mumbai	+91 22 2275 1022 +91 22 2275 1026 +91 22 2275 1078 022-22751022	+91 22 2266 3583 022-22663583	<a href="mailto:wncmocmb@navy.gov.in">wncmocmb@navy.gov.in</a> <a href="mailto:wncjocmb@navy.gov.in">wncjocmb@navy.gov.in</a>
<b>For Ports in West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry</b>			
Joint Operations Centre, Visakhapatnam	+91 891 270 3432	+91 891 251 2161	<a href="mailto:encjocv@navy.gov.in">encjocv@navy.gov.in</a>
<b>For Ports in Kerala, Lakshadweep (L&amp;M) Island</b>			
Joint Operations Centre, Kochi	+91 484 287 2353	+91 484 266 8889	<a href="mailto:snciocjoc@navy.gov.in">snciocjoc@navy.gov.in</a>
<b>For Ports in Andaman &amp; Nicobar Island</b>			
Joint Operations Centre, Port Blair	+91 3192 240 189 +91 3192 242 833	+91 3192 240 189 +91 3192 242 833	<a href="mailto:joccs.anc@navy.gov.in">joccs.anc@navy.gov.in</a>
<b><u>Indian Coast Guard</u></b>			
<b>For Ports in the West Coast of India</b>			
MRCC, Mumbai	22 2438 8065 22 2431 6558 22 – 24383146 MSAR Call 1554 (Toll Free)	22 – 24316558 783250888 (F) Inmarsat : C 441907210	Email: <a href="mailto:mrcc-west@indiancoastguard.nic.in">mrcc-west@indiancoastguard.nic.in</a>
<b>For Ports in the East Coast of India</b>			
MRCC, Chennai	44 -25395018 44 – 29550140 MSAR Call 1554 (Toll Free)	44 2346 0405 783246626 (F) Inmarsat : C 441922669	Email: <a href="mailto:mrcc-east@indiancoastguard.nic.in">mrcc-east@indiancoastguard.nic.in</a>  <a href="mailto:isareast@datazone.in">isareast@datazone.in</a>



			<a href="mailto:icgmrc_chennai@datazone.in">icgmrc_chennai@datazone.in</a>
<b>For Ports in the Andaman &amp; Nicobar Island</b>			
MRCC, Port Blair	+91 3192 245530 +91 3192 246081 MRC Call 1554 (Toll free)	+91 3192 242948 Inmarsat- C: 441922666	Email : <a href="mailto:mrcc-ptb@indiancoastguard.nic.in">mrcc-ptb@indiancoastguard.nic.in</a>

8. **General Requirements for submission of PANS:**

- a. The **PANS should be submitted** to the concerned port and the relevant regional authority specified under Table 1 at least **96 hours prior to the arrival of the vessel** at any Port in India.
- b. If the **voyage of the vessel is shorter than 96 hours**, the **PANS may be submitted within 2 hours of departure from the last port.**
- c. Information regarding **armed guards** onboard the vessel when calling Indian Ports or transiting through the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is also required to be forwarded to the Indian Navy, Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), Mumbai and the local Customs Authority (through the vessel's agent at the concerned port).
- d. All Indian Ports are advised to take appropriate measures to ensure that only ships in possession of the relevant ISPS documentation as applicable are permitted to enter the port facility.
- e. Vessels without appropriate documentation would be permitted to berth only under special circumstances, with prior approval of the Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO). However, such cases should be immediately brought to the notice of the nearest Mercantile Marine Department and the Directorate General of Shipping by the PFSO explaining the circumstances under which the vessel was permitted to enter the port facility limits without PANS reporting.

9. The online reporting of PANS in the NLP Sagar Sethu Portal is under development. Once the PANS is fully developed and implemented online, it needs to be submitted online. A Notice for the implementation of PANS will be issued by the Directorate Subsequently.



10. **This MS Notice supersede all previous circulars** on PANS, including but not limited to NT/ISPS/13/2005 dated 21 November 2005; NT/ISPS/SHIP/02/2009 dated 02 February 2009; NT/ISPS/SHIP/02/2011 dated 15 November 2011; NT/ISPS/CIRCULAR No. 01/2011 dated 28 September 2011; NT/ISPS/CIRCULAR No. 01/2020 dated 05 February 2020 issued providing “Guidelines to vessels for entry into Indian Port Facilities - ISPS Compliance related issues”.

11. This MS Notice is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and shall come into force with immediate effect.

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**Annexure - I**

Pre-Arrival Notification of Security (PANS) for:

- a) Passenger ships including high speed passenger craft
- b) Cargo ships, including high-speed craft, of 500 GRT and upwards, and
- c) Mobile offshore drilling units.
- d) Pleasure Yachts
- e) Sailing Vessel

This form is to be submitted to the port authorities at least 96 hours prior to the arrival of the vessel. If the voyage of the vessel is shorter than 96 hours, the PANS may be submitted within 2 hours of departure from the last port.

<b>1. Particulars of the ship and contact details</b>		
1.1 IMO Number :		1.2 Name of the ship :
1.3 Port of registry :	1.4 Flag state :	1.5 Type of ship :
1.6 Call sign :	1.7 Inmarsat call Number :	1.8 Gross tonnage :
1.9 Name of company:		
1.10 Name and 24 hour contact details of Company Security Officer		
Name:		Tel No.
<b>2. Port and port facility information</b>		
2.1 Port of arrival and port facility where the ship is to berth, if known		
2.2 Expected date and time of arrival of the ship in port (paragraph B/4.39.3 of ISPS Code) :		





2.3 Primary purpose of call Cargo operation / Taking Bunkers / Taking Supplies / Repair / Changing Crew / Passengers (Embarking / disembarking) / Others  
 (Delete as appropriate)  
 If others, please specify purpose :

**3. Information required by SOLAS regulation XI-2/9.2.1**

3.1 The ship is provided (SOLAS REGULATION 9.2.1.1) with a valid

International Ship Security Certificate

YES NO

Interim International Ship Security Certificate

YES NO

3.1.1 Certificate Indicated in 3.1 has been issued by :

Name of issuing authority :

Date of expiry :

3.1.2 If the ship is not provided with a valid International Ship Security Certificate or valid Interim International Ship Security Certificate, Explain why?

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3.1.2.1 Does the ship have an approved ship security plan on board?

YES NO

3.2 Current security level (SOLAS regulation XI-2/9.2.1.2) :

3.2.1 Location of ship at the report is made (paragraph B/4.39.2 of ISPS code) :

Latitude : Longitude : or Port :

3.3 List the last 10 calls in chronological order with most recent call first, at port facilities at which the ship conducted ship/port interface together with the security level at which the ship operated (SOLAS regulation XI-2/9.2.1.3) :

No.	Date		Port, Country, Port Facility and UNLOCODE	Security Level
	From	To		
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

8				
9				
10				

3.3.1 Did the ship, during the period specified in 3.3, take any special or additional security measures, beyond those specified in the approved ship security plan?

YES                      NO

3.3.2 If your answer to 3.3.1 is YES, for each of such occasions please indicated the special or additional security measures which were taken by ship (SOLAS XI-2/9.2.1.4)

No.	Date		Port, Country, Port Facility and UNLOCODE	Special or additional measure
	From	To		
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

3.4 List the ship to ship activities in chronological order with the most recent ship-to-ship activity first, which have been carried out during the period specified in 3.3 :

No.	Date		Port, Country, Port Facility and UNLOCODE	Ship-to-ship Activity
	From	To		



3.4.1 Have the ship security procedures, specified in the approved ship security plan, been maintained during each of the ship-to-ship activities specified in 3.4 (SOLAS regulation XI-2/9.2.1.5)?

YES                      NO

3.4.2 If the answer to 3.4.1 is NO, Identify the ship to ship activities for which the ship security procedures were not maintained and indicate, for each, the security measures which were applied in lieu.

No.	Date		Port, Country, Port Facility and UNLOCODE	Special or additional measure
	From	To		
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

3.5 Provide a general description of cargo aboard the ship (SOLAS regulation XI-2/9.2.1.6 and paragraph B/4.39.5 of ISPS Code):

3.5.1 Is the ship carrying any dangerous substances as cargo?

YES                      NO

2.5.2 If the answer to 3.5.1 is YES, provide details or attach a copy of the Dangerous Goods Manifest (IMO FAL FORM 7)

3.6 A copy of the ship's Crew List (IMO Form 5 is attached)

(SOLAS regulation XI-2/9.2.1.6 and paragraph B/4.39.4 of ISPS Code)

3.7 A copy of the ship's Passenger List (IMO FAL Form 6 is attached)

(SOLAS regulation XI-2/9.2.1.6 and paragraph B/4.39.4 of ISPS Code)

**4. Other security related information**

4.1 Is there any security related matter you wish to report?

YES

NO

4.1.1 If the answer to 4.1 is YES, provide details:

**5. Agent of ship at the intended port of arrival**

5.1 Name and 24-hour contact, details of agent in intended port of call.

Name :

Tel No:

Fax No:

**6. Identification of the person providing the information**

6.1 Name :

6.2 Title or position :

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6.3 Signature:

This report is dated at (Place) :

On (Date and time) :





**Annexure – II**

Pre-Arrival Notification of Security (PANS) for yachts:

This form is to be submitted to the submitted at least 96 hours prior to the arrival of the vessel.

1. Particulars of the yacht and contact details				
		1.1 Name of the Yacht		
1.2 Port of registry:	1.3 Flag State:			
1.4 Call Sign	1.5 MMSI No.	1.6 Gross Tonnage		
1.7 Name of Owner:				
1.10 24 X 7 hour contact details of owner				
NAME.....		Tel. No.....		
2. Port and Port Facility Information				
2.1 Port of arrival and port facility where the ship is to berth, if known				
2.2 Expected date and time of arrival of the ship in port				
2.3 Primary purpose of call:				
Please specify purpose:.....				
3.2.1 Location of ship at the report is made				
Latitude..... Longitude.....or Port				
3.3. List the last 5 calls in chronological order with the most recent call first, at port facilities at which the ship conducted ship/port interface together with the security level at which the ship operated				
No.	DATE		Port Country	Security Level
	FROM	TO		
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
3.6	A copy of the yacht's Crew & Passenger List			
4	Other Security related information			
4.1	Is there any security related matter you wish to report?			
	YES	NO		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.1.1	If the answer to 4.1 is Yes, provided details			

