



Circular N^o CH 19

**To: Shipowners, Operators and Masters of Swiss flagged Vessels and
Recognized Organizations**

Sub.: Ship Security Alert System (SSAS)

This document provides information on the Ship Security Alert System (SOLAS Chapter XI-2, Regulation 6).

NOTE: This document must be read in conjunction with MSC/Circ. 1072 and MSC/Circ.1155

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1. In accordance with the provision of SOLAS 1974, as amended, Chapter XI-2, Regulation 6, all Swiss registered ships, to which this regulation applies, shall be provided with a SSAS that complies with the performance standards specified in IMO Resolution MSC. 136 (76), as revised by MSC. 147 (77).
 2. The Swiss Administration designates the Company¹ as the competent authority with respect to the receipt of a Ship Security Alert for its ship(s). The competent authority must be identified in the Ship Security Plan (SSP) and be available on a 24/7 basis.
 3. The Company shall, on receipt of a Ship Security Alert, notify the Swiss Maritime Navigation Office (SMNO) and relevant coastal state(s) of the alert. The notification shall include the name of the affected vessel, the position, the IMO Number, date and time. SMNO will establish a contact with the coastal state(s) in the wake of an incident, if necessary.
 4. The communication between the Company and the SMNO continues until the incident has been resolved. Records specified in ISPS Code Part A, Para 10.1.10 has to be kept on board.
 5. The SMNO, in principle, only accept technical systems on a case-by-case basis and if they are approved by an RO (former Circular No CH 22).
 6. All parties are reminded that contacts with the SMNO can be established on the following Telephone No: +41 58 467 11 20 (office hours) or +41 58 467 44 00 (Swiss Flag State 24/7 Emergency Number).

Swiss Maritime Navigation Office SMNO

¹ "Company" is the entity responsible for the management of the ship in accordance with the ISM Code.