



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE FOR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

SECURITY ADVISORY

SUBJECT : Use of Registered Security Organizations (RSOs) for Compliance Verification and Certification Activities

TO : Operators of Philippine Registered Ships Engaged in Coastwise Voyage

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Pursuant to the requirements of the National Security Program for Sea Transport and Maritime Infrastructure (NSPSTMI), all Philippine-registered ships engaged in coastwise voyage are hereby advised to obtain the necessary verification requirements prior to the renewal and/or endorsement of their National Ship Security Certificates (NSSC) from accredited Registered Security Organizations (RSOs) by the Office for Transportation Security (OTS).

A list of accredited RSOs is published in the official OTS website at www.ots.gov.ph. Authorization by RSOs to perform verifications on behalf of OTS shall be governed by Memorandum Circular No. 04 series of 2017 "Policies and Guidelines in the Grant of Authorization to Registered Security Organization for Domestic Maritime Security" which is further elaborated by OTS "Procedures in the Authorization of Registered Security Organizations Acting on Behalf of the Designated Authority and Administration for Domestic Shipping and Port Operations".

RSOs contracted by maritime transport facilities for this purpose shall submit prescribed verification reports to OTS for evaluation and shall in turn be the basis for the renewal or endorsement of Security Certificates. To ensure quality of work & performance, OTS shall review, audit and validate the work performed by RSOs in its behalf.

This Advisory on the use of RSOs shall take effect immediately upon its date of issuance.

For information and guidance.


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