

VESSEL SECURITY BACKGROUND CHECKS (VSBC)



With the introduction of the ISPS Code a Vessel Background Security Check (VSBC) has become important to both Charterers and Purchasers alike. Regularly unsuspecting Charterers and Purchasers are deceived by traders providing vessels with either incorrect, false or even counterfeit documentation pertaining to the vessel itself or even its cargo or financial discrepancies (including possible Liens in place) which often lead to costly consequences.

In recent years the Maritime Industry has moved to alleviate potential risk by instigating a Vessel's history including Management / Ownership status, Accidents (Collision or Casualty) and ascertaining possible Liens and Encumbrances in the hopes of ensuring that transactions are legitimate.

Infinite Security Solutions (ISS) Vessel Security Background Check investigates the Vessels historical background and can determine whether the Vessel has violated any laws, has encountered any accidents or may be hiding anything which could impact on its security before any transaction or Charter / Purchase Agreement is signed.

Currently under the ISPS Code (ISPS Code Part B. Para 4.41 to 4.44) security incidents relating to a vessel can be communicated between States / Countries and this can have a dramatic and detrimental effect on your business. ISS VSBC provides in-depth research on a vessel's security history offering additional peace of mind.

ISS will provide a tailored report covering the all contributing security factors appertaining to security / risk surrounding a vessel such as:

- The Owner and/or Management System, which includes brief or detailed information on the Owner, Despondent Owner and/or Ship Manager, to establish if there are any discrepancies.
- The Flag(s) the vessel is or has been registered under.
- The Class, Port State Control (PSC) and relevant Memorandums of Understandings (MoUs), and Continuous Synopsis Records (CSR) and International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) checks.
- Confirmation of compliance with National and/or International Security Regulations (this would include direct communication with the Company Security Officer (CSO).
- Overview of the vessel's crew, based on several mitigating factors, National/International watch lists and potential racial, religious or ethnic tensions.
- Countries visited or transited during the last ten ports of call, which may be areas affected by piracy, terrorism, domestic conflict, or external international events.
- The vessel's recent interfaces with other vessels.

Our reports for Charterers can be produced within 12 hours. A comprehensive in-depth report for potential Purchasers of vessels will take additional preparation time.

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