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Information that should accompany a shipping company's application for using armed civilian guards on board Danish ships

1. Shipping company and ship

- Identification of shipping company, including registered office, contact person and contact details as well as ISM responsible person or company
- If the ship's owner and the ISM responsible person or company is not the same, both the owner's and the ISM responsible persons or company's acceptance of the application for the use of armed civilian guards should be available.
- Identification of ship, including information about the name and IMO number.

2. Guards

- Identification of private protection agency, if relevant, including registered office, contact person and contact details.
- Identification of guards, including copy of the data page (picture page) of the concerned persons' passports.
- The guards' certificates of criminal record of recent date, i.e. insofar as possible dated within the last 60 days prior to filing the application.
- Filled in and signed declarations of consent for the guards.

[Declaration of consent – Danish](#)

[Declaration of consent – English](#)

- Information on the guards' training and experience in arms operation.
- Copy of the guards' valid arms license, if relevant.

3. Arms, etc.

- Identification of the weapons for which a permit is applied for, including the number, type, mark, model, calibre and manufacturing or identification number.
- Information on ammunition and extra arms components, including the quantity and type, provided for the arms.
- Information on the ship's facilities for storing arms, etc.
- Information as regards whether the concerned arms are carried out of and into Denmark.

4. Route, etc.

- Information about the purpose of the voyage.
- Information about the ship's size, speed, cargo and freeboard.
- Information about the planned voyage, including the period during which the ship is expected to pass a high risk area.
- Information about the geographical area in which the arms will be on board the ship, including where the arms will be brought on board and taken off board.
- Information about whether there is a special reason why the ship should be especially exposed to attacks of piracy.

5. Counter-piracy measures

- Confirm in the application that procedures and measures have been made to prevent piracy, cf. also the Danish Maritime Authority's counter-piracy order (no. 9721 of 20 February 2008), including Best Management Practices (BMP).

5.a IMO guidance on the use of armed civilian guards

- Information on whether the shipping company is familiar with and observes the IMO guidance for shipowners, operators and masters of ships on the use of armed civilian guards (MSC.1/Circ.1405/Rev.1).

6. The possibilities of participating in a convoy or escort

- Information about the ship's possibilities of participating in a convoy or acquiring escort, including about any measures launched for this purpose.

7. Indication of whether the ship is reported to the MSCHOA and the UKMTO

- Confirm in the application that the ship will be reported to the Maritime Security Center (Horn of Africa) (MSCHOA) and the UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO).

8. Access to an alternative navigational route

- Information on whether a realistic alternative navigational route is available and a reason why this route has not been chosen.

9. Signing off

- That it is stated in the application whether the ship's crew have been offered to sign off.

As regards urgent applications, it may be an advantage to forward them in duplicate to the Danish Maritime Authority (cfs@dma.dk) at the same time as the forwarding to the Ministry of Justice.