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(Miscellaneous Information)

Access to Ships and Port Facilities

The Merchant Shipping (Security of Ships and Port Facilities) Ordinance 2004 was enacted at the Legislative Council on 23 June 2004 for implementing the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code that will come into effect on 1 July 2004. The ISPS Code will be applicable to ships engaged on international voyages and port facilities directly interfacing with such ships.

2. Upon implementation of the ISPS Code, ships and port facilities concerned will tighten their access control in accordance with their security plans. Access control measures such as advance notification, verification of identification documents, inspection of baggage, personal screening / searching and escort by security personnel may be imposed on visitors.

3. Agents, ship suppliers, repair workers and members of the public who may have dealings with ships and port facilities in Hong Kong should bear in mind the new security requirements. To ensure smooth boarding to ships and access to port facilities, visitors should carry with them appropriate identification documents and if possible to make advance arrangements with ships' agents and port facilities concerned.

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