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Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) XI-1/5 requires a Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) to be maintained onboard a ship and continuously updated throughout its lifetime.
- 1.2 The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) requires its Recognized Security Organizations (RSOs) to check that the CSR is accurate and available onboard as required.¹

2.0 Instructions for RSOs

- 2.1 RSO Auditors must check:
 - .1 the availability of the CSR Document at each ISPS Code Shipboard Verification audit; and
 - .2 that the CSR Document’s data is correct, reflecting the situation on board.
- 2.2 The non-existence of or inconsistencies in a CSR Document must not prevent the issuance of an International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) or Interim ISSC, particularly for new builds.²
 - .1 Where an RSO Auditor finds that the CSR Document is not available or that its data is incorrect, then it must be recorded as an observation in the audit report for appropriate corrective action by the Company Security Officer.
 - .2 The RSO must verify the availability and correctness at the next ISPS Shipboard Verification audit on board.

¹ This is an RMI national requirement. For the Administrator’s requirements on CSRs, refer to Marine Notice [2-011-19](#).

² This is because the CSR requirement is governed by SOLAS Chapter XI-1 (*Special measures to enhance maritime safety*), and not SOLAS Chapter XI-2 (*Special measures to enhance maritime security*).