

ISM Code Implementation & Audit Guide

Maritime, Shipping & Ports

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Helps implement and audit an ISM safety management system across ship and shore — objectives, procedures, drills, non-conformities and internal and external audits. Use it to run and sustain ISM compliance beyond initial certification.

Purpose of this tool & output

Implement and audit the ISM SMS

How the output is used

Use it to implement and audit the ISM SMS — the ISM Code implementation and internal-audit process for a compliant operation.

Important cautions

The ISM SMS must be genuinely operated and improved, not just documented; audit failures risk certificate withdrawal and detention. Confirm requirements with DG Shipping and your recognised organisation and build a real safety culture.

Companion documents

- ISPS Ship & Port Security Guide
- MARPOL & Pollution Prevention Guide
- Ballast Water Management Compliance Guide
- Marine Emergency Response Plan
- Oil / Marine Pollution Response Guide
- Marine Safety & Compliance Audit

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