

ISM Safety Management System 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

Explains building and running an ISM Code safety management system (SMS) for a ship and company — policy, procedures, DPA, drills, audits and the document of compliance and safety management certificate. Use it to establish ISM compliance.

Purpose of this tool & output

Build and run an ISM SMS

How the output is used

Use it to build and run an ISM safety management system — the SMS, procedures and audits the ISM Code requires.

Important cautions

The ISM Code is mandatory for applicable ships and the SMS must be real and operated, not just documented; audit failure risks certificate withdrawal and detention. Confirm applicability and requirements with DG Shipping and your class or recognised organisation.

Companion documents

- Ship Owning & Operating Setup Guide
- Vessel Operations SOP
- Vessel Selection & Acquisition Advisor
- Voyage Planning & Passage Guide
- Bunkering & Fuel Management Guide
- Vessel Maintenance & Drydock Guide

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