CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretary General of The General Directorate of the Merchant Marine hereby certifies the English version of the resolution number 009/2004 that is written as follows:

RESOLUTION No. 009/2004

DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE LA MARINA MERCANTE NACIONAL (GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF THE NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE). Tegucigalpa, Municipality of the Central District on the fourth day of the month of February of the year two thousand and four.

CONSIDERING the National Organic Law of the Merchant Marine has the aim to establish the institution's regulatory framework, and in general, that of the maritime activities; as well as the management regulation to which is subject of;

CONSIDERING the Dirección General de la Marina Mercante is in charge of the administration, control and coordination of all activities related with the merchant marine and maritime transportation, maritime safety and marine environmental protection;

HAVING CONSIDERED that it is the attribution of the Dirección General de la Marina Mercante to comply with and enforce with the international conventions of which Honduras is a party of;

CONSIDERING the amendments of the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention, adopted on December 12, 2002 during the Contracting Governments Conference;

HAVING CONSIDERED that Chapter XI-2 of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention, makes reference to the International Code **for the Security of Ships and Port Facilities (ISPS Code)**, which enforces ships to comply with the pertaining prescriptions from July First of the year Two Thousand and Four;

HAVING CONSIDERED that as part of the implementation of the ISPS Code, the RO`s (as defined in the SOLAS Convention Rule IX/1), are required to elaborate a Ship Security Plan (SSP), in accordance with the guidelines issued for this purpose by the Flag State;

THEREFORE The Dirección General de la Marina Mercante, in use of its faculties conferred to by Law, and in application of Articles: 30 number 4 of the Reglamento de Organización, Funcionamiento y Competencia del Poder Ejecutivo (Rules of Organization, Functioning and Competency of the Executive Power); 116 and 120 of the Ley General de Administración Pública (General Public Administration Law); 1, 91 reformed, 92 and others applicable of the Organic Law of the Merchant Marine; the Safety of Life at Sea Convention 1974 (SOLAS), its amendments; and the International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities (ISPS);

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RESOLVES

FIRST: Officially adopt the following documents: "GUIDELINES FOR THE SHIP SECURITY ASSESSMENT" AND "GUIDELINES FOR THE ELABORATION OF THE SHIP SECURITY PLAN", elaborated by the Dirección General de la Marina Mercante Nacional, so that within these guidelines, the Organizations that operate ships under Honduran Flag which are subject to the International Code for the Security of Ships and Port Facilities (ISPS Code), carry out the Assessments and elaborate the Security Plans as part of the certification process contained in the Code.

SECOND: Without prejudice to what is stated in the previous paragraph, the Owners and the Ship Operating Companies may elaborate their own Security Plans varying the guidelines approved by the Flag State Maritime Administration, as long as they are observed and do not contravene the ISPS Code dispositions.

THIRD: At the entrance in force of the present Resolution the Guidelines contained within shall be delivered to the Owners and Ship Operating Companies through their Legal Representatives for the corresponding legal effects, with the warning that on the First of July of Two Thousand and Four the Ship Certification Process should be finished with, through the corresponding endorsement of the Dirección General de la Marina Mercante.

FOURTH: The present Resolution will enter into force on this date and shall be notified to the Owners and Ship Operating Companies affected by the ISPS Code through their Legal Representatives duly accredited, and shall be publicized in "LA GACETA", the Official Gazette. **NOTIFY. Seal and Signature MARCO AUGUSTO HERNÁNDEZ ESPINOZA. Director General / Seal and Signature OSCAR ALEXIS PONCE SIERCKE. Secretary General.**

Issued in Tegucigalpa, Municipality of the Central District, February Twentieth of the year Two thousand and four.

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OSCAR ALEXIS PONCE SIERCKE.

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