Recommendations for Ensuring the Security of Navigation on the Danube
Development

Process started in 2010

Member states reported security issues

Analysis of existing relevant documents

Agreement on method (crew, vessel)

Adoption by DC on December, 10th 2014 as CD/SES 83/15
Illustrated Case

September 23rd 2010

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Scope of application

These recommendations apply to the navigable sectors of the Danube and river ports all competent authorities concerned with matters of navigation on the Danube.

The recommendations are to be implemented by all vessels, including boats using the Danube temporarily.
Included provisions:

- Potential security threats
- TASKS shipping companies and ports - security of ships and of port facilities
- SHIP SECURITY PLAN
- GUIDES for crew’s action in the event of criminal acts.

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Impact assessment

Threat information forwarded to the competent authorities, stating:

- The reliability of information on the incident/threat
- Specific circumstances
- The actual impact of the incident or the potential impact of the security threat
- The competent authorities take measures for resolving the incident without jeopardizing the crew’s safety.

Assessment of potential security threats
Tasks

Shipping companies

Responsible official,
Sys. of communication,
Security plans,
Elaborate crew guides

Crew, Vessel

Port authority

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Tasks - shipping company

Designation of responsible officials for security on ships and set up a special intra-company system for communicating with ships

Designation senior crew member - ship’s security - ship security plan, train crew, personnel

Draw up the ship security plans

Establishment of security levels for specific circumstances and inform crews of non-secure areas
Tasks - port administrators:

1. Establish which port facilities require a security plan.

2. Designate a responsible official - development of the port facility security plan, a trilateral system of communication.

3. Develop the port facility security plan.
The ship security plan (1):

- **Measures** to keep arms and dangerous substances off-board
- **Measures** to prevent unauthorized access to the vessel
- **Identification of the restricted areas** on board
- **Immediate Response Plan** - security threat or incident (guide for action), maintenance of critical operations on board
- **Technical Plan** showing alarm switches on board ship
The ship security plan (2):

- **Evacuation plan** in the event of a security threat or incident
- **Protocol** for reporting and communicating on events related to a security incident
- **Duties** of crew and personnel responsible for security on a cabin ship
- **Information** on the ship security officer, the company security officer, the competent authorities of the member States of the Danube Commission
Guide for the crew – excerpts:

- No unnecessary risks!
- Continue with regular duties
- Safe way to inform shipping company administration of the incident
- Persuade perpetrators - crew will not be harmed...
- Avoid direct contact. Do not provoke!
- Ask permission before doing anything, even moving
- Memorize many details (What, who, where, how, many....)
- Inspect the vessel, note any damage done to crew, cargo

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NEXT steps:

- Raising awareness observed and needed!
- Integration in the skipper’s training necessary
- Elaboration of detailed security plans
- Enlarge the agenda – terrorism, migration, infra and ports
- DC to form a work platform and carry on work

Interest expressed by cabin ship sector – 1. Int. Danube Security Workshop, scheduled 17.03.2016 in Vienna – organized by DTC in coop. with DC

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