



CONTINUOUS SYNOPSIS RECORD (CSR)

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Purpose:

Notice to Surveyors, Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives, and other stakeholders regarding The Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR).

Reference:

IMO Resolution A.959(23) Format and Guidelines for the Maintenance of the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR).

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SOLAS - International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea - Chapter XI-1 - Special measures to enhance maritime safety - Regulation 5 - Continuous Synopsis Record

Introduction

The Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) functions as a comprehensive logbook that accompanies a ship throughout its entire lifespan, meticulously documenting changes in ownership, flag, name, Class, ISM, and other crucial details. Regardless of whether the ship transitions to a different flag state, undergoes a change in ownership, is subject to a bareboat charter transfer, or experiences a shift in operational responsibility to another company, the complete CSR must remain on board.

This mandatory record-keeping applies to various categories of vessels, including passenger ships on international voyages, cargo ships with a gross tonnage (gt) of 500 and above on international voyages.

Applicability

From 1 July 2004, SOLAS Chapter XI-1, regulation 5 requires all passenger ships and cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and above engaged on international voyages to have on board a Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR).

A ship's CSR file comprises:

- .1 all CSR documents (Form 1) issued by the ship's Administration(s), numbered sequentially over the life of the ship;
- .2 all amendment forms (Form 2) attached to each individual CSR document relating to changes made to that CSR document; and
- .3 all indices of amendments (Form 3) listing all amendments (specified by amendment forms) relating to each CSR document and attached to Form 1 above.



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Who can issue the CSR?

Only the ship's Administration can issue a ship's CSR document (Form 1) to a ship. The first CSR document issued to a ship is numbered "1" and subsequent CSR documents are to be sequentially numbered. The sequential numbering continues across change of flag throughout the life of the ship.

Issuance of original CSR

Each original CSR document will have to be sent to the ship and kept by the ship throughout its lifetime. The Administration needs to keep a copy (which may be an electronic copy) of each CSR document issued to the ship.

Directorate of Merchant Shipping Eswatini Maritime Affairs Requirements

The Continuous Synopsis Record is required by the ISPS Code to be on every ship subject to the code by 1 July 2004. Directorate of Merchant Shipping Eswatini Maritime Affairs will issue a Continuous Synopsis Record for each ship entitled to fly the Kingdom of Eswatini Flag.

Application form can be downloaded from:

[https://www.ema.org.sz/pdf/026%20Application%20for%20Continuous%20Synopsis%20Record%20\(CSR\)%20EMA.docx](https://www.ema.org.sz/pdf/026%20Application%20for%20Continuous%20Synopsis%20Record%20(CSR)%20EMA.docx)

Verification of compliance with the SOLAS- International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea - Chapter XI-1 - Special measures to enhance maritime safety- Regulation 5- Continuous Synopsis Record by Security Auditors of IAMSa CLASS.

During the Security Audit, auditor of IAMSa CLASS should verify the validity of CSR as required by International Regulations and Eswatini Maritime Affairs Laws.

Links

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