MSCMP - Maritime Security Compliance Management Program

Full Regulatory Compliance Management for...

- Port Facilities
- Vessels
- Offshore Rigs
Incorporating Maritime security involvement in companies working fully in the maritime domain. M-P.A.C.T.’s mission is to serve the maritime domain as the premier provider of innovative maritime security solutions, intelligent best practices, and practical applications that result in effective and efficient security management solutions for both regulatory compliance challenges and physical security risks faced by ships, offshore rigs, ports, and port facilities worldwide.

M-P.A.C.T.’s Maritime Security Compliance Management Program (MSCMP)

M-PACT’s proprietary Maritime Security Compliance Management Program (MSCMP) is a comprehensive program for companies looking to simplify, yet strengthen and enhance their maritime security compliance measures. The program is fully customized to meet the client’s exact specifications and needs, and unlike most maritime security programs, is unique in that its true value is derived from combining three distinct characteristics:

1) It incorporates all three primary maritime regulatory disciplines.
2) It is designed to provide companies with a customized approach resulting in a universal set of company maritime security protocols.
3) It is a totally transparent approach in that all work conducted - security plans, internal audits and findings, administrative files, personnel training records, as well as security drills & exercise calendars are fully accessible for client monitoring via M-P.A.C.T.’s secure, password protected Client Portal.

Incorporating All Three Regulatory Disciplines

M-P.A.C.T.’s proprietary MSCMP is designed to incorporate continuity and standardization of maritime security plans, company policies and procedures, personnel training, management, and administration of a corporation’s maritime security program. M-P.A.C.T. provides an integrated compliance management process that encompasses all three primary regulatory disciplines: SOLAS/ISPS, Contracting Governments, and Port State Control authorities.

In 1914, shortly after the sinking of the Titanic, nations of the world met in London to jointly develop and universally adopt the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS). Years later in 1948, the United Nations created the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which eventually accepted oversight responsibility of SOLAS. The SOLAS convention in its successive forms is generally regarded as the most important of all international treaties concerning the safety of merchant ships. After 9/11 the IMO drafted the Int’l Ship and Port Facility Code (ISPS) which was subsequently embedded within the SOLAS treaty and today represent the maritime security regulations for (at last count) all 168 member countries.
By virtue of their signatory agreement to SOLAS, member countries known as Contracting Governments (aka Flag States) were mandated to enact national legislation in support of the SOLAS convention. In addition many “Contracting Governments” have augmented requirements to SOLAS / ISPS by enacting their own set of government maritime security codes. By example, acting as a “Contracting Government”, the United States has adopted codes and regulations set forth in the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, more commonly known as MTSA. By extension, all U.S. port facilities as well as all U.S. flagged vessels (the term vessel includes off shore drilling rigs) must comply with both SOLAS / ISPS codes as well as MTSA regulations.

In addition, the M-PACT MSCMP compliance initiative incorporates Port State Control maritime security requirements that vessels or offshore drilling units may be subject to when operating in foreign waters. Again, these Port State Control requirements, while in concert with SOLAS / ISPS, may be incremental and pose additional regulations for all vessels. Thus, if a vessel flying a Brazilian flag entered a port in Mexico, that vessel would be subject to: First and always, SOLAS / ISPS codes. Secondly, to the extent they exist, the maritime codes of Brazil (acting as a Contracting Government / Flag State). And thirdly, any Port State Control requirements of Mexico. The actual agency serving as the Port State Control group will vary from one country to another. In the United States the U.S. Coast Guard is designated as the Port State Control agency. Others countries who may not have a formal Coast Guard will have other local law enforcement or authority designated as the Port State Control agency. Regardless, all countries who are members of the SOLAS treaty are required by the treaty to legislate and enforce “local” maritime security regulations supporting SOLAS / ISPS codes.

Clearly, understanding and remaining in full and proper compliance with all three disciplines can be at best cumbersome and time consuming and at worst exasperating and financially devastating. By fully understanding the various authorities and regulations our clients may be subject to, M-PACT is able to integrate a compilation of regulatory information from all three disciplines to create one comprehensive, customized company security plan.

A Customized Approach to Building a Universal Companywide Program

A MSCMP begins with building a customized foundation for all of the client’s companywide maritime security initiatives. Starting with initial assessments, continuing through the development and execution of a corporate maritime security plan, to the management and monitoring of a universal program, the MSCMP ensures consistency in programs and processes across all company venues. While some companies may elect to utilize only select components of the MSCMP, (M-PACT will provide pricing for individual services) the full benefit of the program is best realized by utilizing all services rendered in the complete three phase program.

Phase 1 – Company Specific Measures
The 1st Phase of executing the MSCMP centers around “Company Specific” measures and requirements. This vital process entails evaluating current company plans, programs, and procedures. In addition, we will also thoroughly identify all geographic venues and all regulatory bodies which may potentially affecting company operations. The findings of the research serve as the base for drafting and/or amending the corporation’s company security plan.

Phase 2 – Facility and Vessel Measures
While Phase 1 focuses on company macro issues, Phase 2 drills down to evaluating and addressing the specific needs and requirements of the company’s individual facilities, vessels, and/or off shore rigs. Structured activities within phase two include: Internal audits, security plan reviews, assessment of security “Drills and Exercise” programs, evaluation of all security protocols, and the delivery of fully “certified” professional training for all facility, company, and shipboard personnel required to have pre-requisite knowledge for security duties.

Ongoing ISPS / MTSA training is a key component of the MSCMP. M-P.A.C.T. is proud to be the maritime security training provider and partner to the Maine Maritime Academy, one of the oldest and most acclaimed maritime academies in the world. Our MTSA Section 109 specific courses hold approvals from the Coast Guard, the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD), the class society Det Norse Veritas (DNV), and meet or exceed the International Maritime Organization (IMO) requirements. Our MSCMP course offerings include:
Phase 2 also ensures that all company facilities and vessels receive final security plan approval by the appropriate contracting government and that all company vessels are in full compliance with all potential governing Port State Control groups.

**Phase 3 - Management and Oversight**
Appropriate design, professional execution, attentive management, and ongoing constructive evaluations are the core ingredients of all properly run security programs. The MSCMP focuses on these core objectives by working closely with the Company and/or Corporate Security Officer (CSO) during delivery of all aspects of the MSCMP. Each client is assigned a three man team lead by a Compliance Program Manager (CPM).

Your CPM will plan and coordinate all MSCMP details with your company’s CSO and/or other designated company personnel. Working together with the Company Security Officer, your CPM will careful plan MSCMP activities around company schedules to produce an effective and efficient delivery of MSCMP activities while, at the same time, ensuring a smooth continuity of daily company operations.

**M-PACT’s Client Portal**

While many companies simply draft a security plan and then place the document into a file for annual reviews, M-PACT takes the commitment to full compliance and the ongoing execution of the plan to a new level. Because we are confident in the quality and efficiency of our MSCMP services, we created the Client Portal so clients could continually monitor our efforts, organization, and progress in meeting their maritime security compliance needs and requirements. It is a fully transparent and accountable approach we believe clients will value and appreciate. Clients access their company’s information by logging into a secure web based portal on M-PACT’s main website ([www.m-pactusa.com](http://www.m-pactusa.com)). Once on the site, clients are able view updated security program details providing them with real time status and analysis.

- Compliance Checklist – detailing organization and progress toward meeting all requirements and objectives.
- Activity calendars – Planned Facility and or Vessel Drills and Exercises as well as the results and findings from the Drills and Exercise activities.
- Training History - Cross reference spreadsheet detailing which employees have received certified training, in what courses, when and where it occurred.

**Introductory Offer**

If you are interested in learning more about how M-PACT and/or our Maritime Security Compliance Management Program can help your company, please give us a call. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss your interest and respond to your queries.

In fact, to help you evaluate the vaue and merits of our services, we will provide you with an introductory hour of free consultation – any topic, any time. Call us at (561) 845-7374 or email us at [info@m-pactusa.com](mailto:info@m-pactusa.com) to schedule your free consultation.
The M-P.A.C.T. MSCMP incorporates all three regulatory disciplines (SOLAS / ISPS, Contracting Governments, and Port State Control groups), along with customized internal security practices, to create one standardized and universal company security plan for all vessels and facilities company wide.

Contracting Governments aka Flag States
e.g. U.S. = Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA)

Port State Control
e.g. Panama = Panama Maritime Authority

Initial Implementation Process
- Initial Compliance Audit / Assessment
- Security Plan Development / Conversation
- Administrative Security Plan & Approval
- Client Portal Set Up

All client documents, files, training history, and activities calendars fully accessible via secure password protected Client Portal

Corporate Security Plan
- FACILITY Security Plan
- VESSEL Security Plan

Plan Maintenance & Amendments
Drills & Exercises
Customized Procedures & Protocols
Internal Audits, Both Annual & Spot
ISPS / MARAD Fully Approved Training
Open, Secure Access CLIENT PORTAL
24/7 Assigned M-PACT Client Team