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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	<b>2021 Cyber Guidelines</b>
Reference	Resolution MSC.429(98), Maritime Cyber Risk Management

### **2021 Cyber Guidelines**

2021 brings a new set of Guidelines for protecting vessels-the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) guidelines on maritime cyber risk management. Now, the IMO's vessel guidelines are in the implementation phase.

ISM Code serves as the foundation upon which IMO has built the 2021 guidelines for cyber security management.

The guidelines were consigned in 2017 via three key declarations:

1. Resolution MSC.429(98), Maritime Cyber Risk Management in Safety Management Systems. The IMO affirmed a view that ISM Code already requires mitigation of cyber risk.
2. IMO encouraged countries to appropriately address this preexisting requirement no later than January 1, 2021. IMO encourages Flag States not to issue compliance documents to vessels if cyber risk is not appropriately addressed in the respective safety management system.
3. IMO declaration in July 2017 circular, in which IMO recommends vessels and Flag States to utilize the guidelines during compliance checks to assess whether cyber risk have been appropriately addressed.

#### REFERENCES:

-(IMO) guidelines on maritime cyber risk management

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