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International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code**

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Terms of reference

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 - (i) either House of the Parliament, or
 - (ii) a Minister; and
- c) such other matters as may be referred to the Committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.



List of abbreviations

AAPMA	Association of Australian Ports and Marine Authorities Incorporated
AIMPE	Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
DOTARS	Department of Transport and Regional Services
IMO	International Maritime Organization
ISPS	International Ship and Port Facility Security
ISSCs	International Ship Safety Certificates
JSCOT	Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
MTSB	Maritime Transport Security Bill 2003
NIA	National Interest Analysis
SOLAS	Safety of Life at Sea
RIS	Regulation Impact Statement



List of recommendations

Outstanding issues and concluding observations

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that a review of the Maritime Transport Security Act 2003 be conducted 12 months after its implementation, so that any operational concerns with regard to the Act or its regulations can be raised by interested parties, with a view to improving the legislative provisions.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that a briefing be provided to it by representatives of the Department of Transport and Regional Services after 1 July 2004 on the possible effects to the Australian maritime industry, including a status report on the amendments to the SOLAS Convention and the ISPS Code.

