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CASE

The PAS Assessor was conducting an ISPS Audit whilst the vessel was safely fastened at the terminal with level 1 ship security. During the audit, the PAS Assessor found the access of both lifeboats sealed with padlocks instead of security seals.

The subject finding was categorized as critical requiring immediate action with the aim to remove conflict between safety and security. In case padlocks are used, a password combination instead of keys would be prudent.



REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

AS PER SOLAS 7TH EDITION 2020, CH.XI-2, REQ. 8.2

If, in the professional judgment of the Master, a conflict between any Safety and Security requirements applicable to the ship arises, the Master shall give priority to maintain the safety of the ship.

AS PER ISPS 2003 EDITION, PART B, CH. 8.10

The SSA* should take into account all possible vulnerabilities, which may include, conflicts between safety and security measures.

*SSA: Ship Security Assessment



WHAT WENT WRONG?

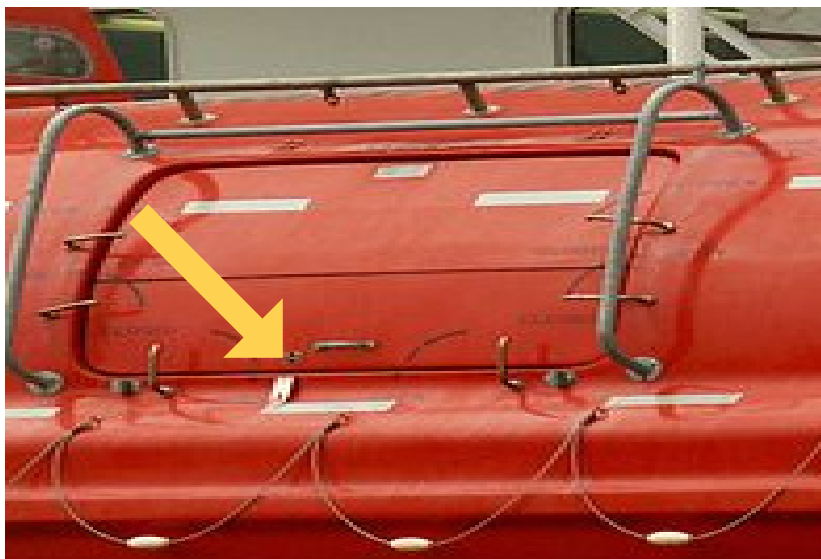
- ⦿ Non-compliance with the Company's procedures for the proper handling of safety equipment.
- ⦿ Misunderstanding of the meaning between safety and security.
- ⦿ Misinterpretation of Ship Security Plan.
- ⦿ Misuse of security equipment.
- ⦿ Inadequate information or clear instructions by the Ship Security Officer.



OUR SUGGESTION

We suggest the following actions with the aim to prevent such cases from occurring

- ⦿ Highlight the importance of implementing a safety culture and its enhancement.
- ⦿ Ensure the difference between safety and security is clear during the relevant security familiarization.
- ⦿ Use practical examples and lessons learnt so the seafarers comprehend the difference.



BEST PRACTICE

- ✓ Security seals should be used while the ship is at port.
- ✓ In case padlocks are used while at port, utilize the ones with a password instead of keys.
- ✓ Through a safety meeting, communicate to the crew the results of the applicable Risk Assessment and use practical examples.

REMEMBER:

- ▶ The security measures **reduce** the probability of threat.
- ▶ The wrong application of the security measures **increases** the risk.

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