

CYBER ATTACK – OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (OT) SYSTEM MALFUNCTION / COMPROMISE

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ACTION (NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER)
Treat failure of OT systems due to a cyber incident like any other equipment failure e.g. activate ECDIS failure contingency in case of cyber attack on ECDIS; activate power failure contingency in case of cyber attack on A/Es power management; if VFD is corrupted, switch the system off and run the Engine Room as a traditional Engine Room; switch over to manual system in case of failure of an auto control system etc.
Remove the cyber threat by isolating the compromised OT System from rest of the IT infrastructure, disconnect the interface with rest of the equipment/ disconnect the LAN cable e.g. in case of an ECDIS is compromised, isolate it with 2nd ECDIS.
Portable media used on this equipment to be quarantined until further instructions received from the Office. Stop any identified practices that led to the data breach.
Concerned staff on board are to be made aware of the equipment failure.
Take action to ensure the immediate safety of the crew, ship, cargo and protection of the marine environment. Assess the impact on the safe operation of the ship.
Check whether failure is due to Is any shore-based person currently completing any software modifications either remotely or whilst onboard the vessel.
CALL THE OFFICE IT DEPARTMENT ON THE FOLLOWING: IT Emergency Response (24 H) Tele: +27 (0)79 902 5219 Please also inform your Ship Manager
The duty IT representative and Ship Manager will guide the Master through the process of confirming the extent of the breach of the Cyber security on the Vessel's OT infrastructure.
Send the details of the OT system failure to office – this may include screenshot of the display/error message/test result/alarm indication etc.
IT response team to consult Cyber Security Consultants to advise the Emergency Response Team on the procedure to follow in addressing and recovering from a Cyber Security attack as applicable.
Office to notify the cyber attack on OT system to concerned parties
Carry out the initial assessment: • how the incident occurred • which IT and/or OT systems were affected and how • the extent to which the commercial and/or operational data is affected • to what extent any threat to IT and OT remains.
Activate the recovery procedure using remote help from the respective service provider, general recovery procedure is as follows: Remove the threat Clean up the programme If clean-up is not possible, restore the programme from a backup (if backup available on board) or Attendance on board by an authorized service provider or Purchase new OT System/equipment if necessary