Declaration of Security - D o S

Regulations of the German Flag State
under Section 9 (1) Ordinance on Shipboard Security Measures (SeeEigensicherungsverordnung) which require the completion and signature of a Declaration of Security (DoS):

Object 1	Object 2	Remarks
ISPS vessel	Non-ISPS vessel	Sec. 9 (1) no. 1 *
ISPS vessel	Non-ISPS port facility	Sec. 9 (1) no. 1 *
ISPS vessel SL >	ISPS vessel SL <	Sec. 9 (1) no. 2
ISPS vessel SL <	ISPS vessel SL >	Sec. 9 (1) no. 2
ISPS vessel SL >	ISPS port facility SL <	Sec. 9 (1) no. 3
* = own DoS because SSO or PFSO not named		
SL = security level		

Moreover, completion of a DoS is <u>urgently</u> recommended whenever responsibilities laid down in a vessel's SSP are transferred to the port facility, e.g. ID checks, luggage inspections etc. Without a DoS, the SSO in such cases will have difficulties providing evidence for such transfer of responsibilities. That also applies to the transfer of responsibilities to another ship (e.g. in case of rafts of laid-up ships).

Additional useful information about DoS:

Ships calling **routinely** at certain ports, **always with identical framework conditions,** have the possibility under Sec. 9 (4), Ordinance on Shipboard Security Measures, to conclude a **permanent DoS** for a period of <u>**maximally 1 year**</u>. The conclusion of a permanent DoS requires written approval from the BSH. Applications for approval can be submitted informally to the BSH. A signed DoS form and a detailed description of the above conditions must be enclosed with the application.
Under Sec. 9 (6), Ordinance on Shipboard Security Measures, the DoS must be kept on board German vessels **for at least one year** from the date of issue.
The form of the DoS must comply with the notification by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Housing (VkBl. 13/2004, S. 383) (see BSH website).