Information on Port and Coastal State Requirements

Related to Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel on board ships.

**Suez Canal:**

1- Shipping agencies shall present a report from the merchant vessels passing through Suez Canal including data on:
   - The arms and ammunitions existing onboard
   - Nationality of the security personnel in charge of such arms and ammunitions

2- The shipmaster shall deliver the arms and ammunitions inside a locked box until the vessel passes the Canal.

**Ports:**

1- In case of the existence of arms and ammunitions onboard merchant vessels calling at Egyptian ports, the shipmaster locks in these arms, issues a statement and submits it to the pilot in the waiting area, in which he undertakes to deliver the arms in a locked box to the Port Security to be checked. Then the box is delivered back to the shipmaster before the vessel departs from the port. If the shipmaster refrains from doing so, the vessel will be prevented from entering the port.

2- In case arms are discovered within the Egyptian territorial waters or ports' terminals or while being at anchor in the inner or outer area, or while passing through Suez Canal, the shipmaster and the crew of the vessel shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with law no. 394/1954 as amended; regarding possession and acquisition of arms and ammunitions without license. The vessel, its master and the persons carrying arms, will be detained and the matter will be referred to the competent Prosecution Attorney to take action.