

Marine Notice: 03 / 2009

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**Installation of Automatic Identification System (AIS) on board
Bahraini registered power driven vessels of 150 GT and above.**

In accordance with the Legislative Decree No.61 of 2006 and in pursuance of Article 4(sub-paragraph 5, 6 and7), the General Organization of Sea Ports (GOP) would like to bring to the notice of all Bahraini registered ships' owners, operators, agents and masters; that all power driven vessels of 150 GT and above are required to be fitted with AIS, latest by 01st June 2010.

The Automatic Identification System (AIS) is a device that identifies the vessel and gives its position/ location. The use of AIS contributes to maritime safety, security and protection of the marine environment. The carriage requirement of operational AIS has already entered into force by the International Convention on Safety Of Life At Sea (SOLAS 74).

Khalifa Bin Salman Port (KBSP) is equipped with Vessel Traffic Management Information System (VTMIS), which has in operation radar system that can detect the AIS of every passing vessel and can coordinate and direct timely assistance in case of an emergency.