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MARITIME SECURITY ADVISORY – 01/2019

This Security Advisory supplements Marine Security Advisory 04/2018'

SUBJECT: SECURITY LEVEL II - FOR VESSELS TRANSITING THE HRA SOUTHERN RED SEA, GULF of ADEN, INDIAN OCEAN and ARABIAN SEA

References: (a) [MSC.1/Circ.1333/Rev.1](#)

Dear Owners/Operators/Company Security Officers/Masters:

The round table of international shipping associations, i.e. BIMCO, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), INTERCARGO, INTERTANKO and the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF), on considering accounts of recent shipping industry experiences, pirate intent and capability, and representations received from various organizations, declared a revision to the High Risk Area (HRA), which is to take effect on 01 May 2019.

Their guidance is available at www.maritimelobalsecurity.org/riskissues/piracy. Their respective websites may also be monitored for guidance as well as external links relating to global maritime security. All CSO's and Masters of vessels are advised to take note of the information provided in this advisory.

The new HRA has been revised as follows:

The Red Sea, South of Latitude 15 ° 00' N

In the Indian Ocean a line linking the territorial waters off the coast of east Africa at a Latitude of 05° S to 050° 00' E then to positions:

Lat 00° 00'N, Long 055° 00'E;

Lat 10° 00'N, Long 060° 00'E;

Lat 14° 00' N, Long 060° 00'E.

Then a bearing 310° to the territorial waters of the Arabian Peninsula.

When operating within territorial seas or calling ports within the defined area Masters shall set the vessel security level to the level set by the port State authority but may implement security measures in excess of the security level set by the port authorities based on their assessment of the conditions in the port. Upon change of Security Level Masters should report to the Administration via email to security@liscr.com.

Even though the dimensions of HRA have been reduced, it must be stated that the threat of piracy in the region has not gone away and other security risks may be of concern. An ongoing risk assessment and a high level of vigilance and compliance with BMP5 in conjunction with '[Global Counter Piracy Guidance for Companies, Masters and Seafarers](#)' is essential before entry into, or when operating in, the area defined as the HRA.

Higher vigilance and increased security measures and controls to protect against possible acts of piracy should be implemented during transits of the HRA.

MSCHOA contact information: As of 29 March 2019, the contact telephone number and Fax number for MSCHOA will change to:

Telephone : + 33 (0)2 98 220 220 or + 33 (0)2 98 220 170

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The email address remains: postmaster@mschoa.org

Voyage Planning: Companies and Masters shall obtain the latest information from MSCHOA before planning and executing a voyage in the HRA and should maintain maximum distance from specified threats within the HRA. Company Security Officers and Masters are strongly urged to follow guidance regarding registration, reporting and anti-piracy distress calling as provided in [BMP5](#).

In addition to the above precautionary measures Owners, Operators, and Company Security Officers should take the following actions before transiting the HRA:

- Verify compliance with internationally recognized Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy off the Coast of Somalia and in the Arabian Sea Area ([BMP5](#)).
- Ensure that all of the guidance issued by IMO, industry and military sources regarding piracy and armed robbery in the area have been taken into account.
- Report any incident of attempted piracy or armed robbery. The report should include an assessment of the effectiveness of any measures taken by the vessel to deter the attack and lessons learned and follow the guidance found in [BMP5](#).

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