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SUBJECT: ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES - FOR VESSELS TRANSITING THE MALACCA STRAITS, THE WATERS OFF MANGKAI & THE ANAMBAS ISLANDS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND OPERATING IN THE COASTAL WATERS OF INDONESIA.

To Ship Owners/Operators and Masters:

This Advisory provides the Administration's recommended procedures to further enhance the security and deter piracy and armed robbery for vessels transiting the Malacca Straits, the waters off Mangkai & the Anambas Islands in the South China Sea and operating in the coastal waters of Indonesia, due to the continuous increase in the number and intensity of piracy, robbery and armed attacks.

Vessels transiting or operating in the affected areas should implement measures in accordance with the ship's security plan equivalent to Security Level 2.

The Administration recommends Owners and Operators advise their Masters to follow these additional procedures:

- Remain vigilant and question the intentions of all craft approaching their vessels.
- Navigate as far as possible from the coastlines of threat areas.
- Keep in close coordination with the CSO, Authorities, and Administration.
- Emphasize extra security measures by adding more security personnel and roving watches as necessary.
- Constant radio watch should be maintained with the appropriate shore or naval authorities (for details of Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) and Coast Radio Stations refer to Admiralty List of Radio Signals).
- Keep a constant visual & radar watch and closely monitor all targets (suppression of rain and sea clutter will effect detection of small targets).
- Maximize human surveillance and the visibility of people and security measures.
- Refresh the crew regarding all the anti piracy measures as recommended in the ship security plan.
- Brief the crew regarding special security measures taken, before arrival to this region.

- Ensure that vessel's crew understands their part in all anti piracy measures, and have all the necessary security training required.
- While underway, consider using maximum lighting available consistent with the ship's safe navigation.
 - Using spotlights and floodlights to enhance visibility of the deck and areas surrounding the vessel.
 - Using lighting to enhance visibility of the surrounding water and waterline.
- Rig all the available equipment necessary to deter pirates from coming on board such as charging fire hoses.
- Limit access to vessel to a single controlled access point while at anchor or in port; and sealing all accommodation and stores access while underway.
- Limit carriage of cash on board, reducing the temptation for piracy and robbery.
- When possible, avoid dropping anchor, drift and stand by to increase speed and leave the area if need be.
- Provided that navigational safety allows while underway, evasive maneuvers, or heavy wheel movements.
- Complete a Declaration of Security and implement increased security measures necessary.

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