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**To: All Masters, Ship Security Officers, Company Security Officers, Shipowners,
Ship Managers and Operators of Hong Kong Registered Ships,**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Security and Quality Advisory No.72
Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery
Against Ships in Asia

Piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Asian region has evolved over the years. In response to evolution, the Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia (Regional Guide (Version 2)) includes updated information has been developed by the Information Sharing Centre (ISC) of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) in collaboration with various maritime organizations to assist the Owner/Operator/Master and crew operating in Asia to adopt the appropriate measures to avoid, deter or delay attacks and unauthorised boardings.

2. All masters, ship and company security officers, shipowners, managers and operators should take into account the guidance when carrying out risk assessment and planning for voyages transiting areas where the threat of attack by pirates and armed robbers exists. The Regional Guide (Version 2) is available on the ReCAAP ISC website:

[https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/guide/Regional%20Guide%202%20to%20Counter%20Piracy%20%20Armed%20Robbery%20against%20Ships%20in%20Asia%20\(HR\)%20v1.pdf](https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/guide/Regional%20Guide%202%20to%20Counter%20Piracy%20%20Armed%20Robbery%20against%20Ships%20in%20Asia%20(HR)%20v1.pdf)

3. Other guidance or guide focusing on abduction of crew and sea robbery in Asia are also available on the ReCAAP ISC website:

Guidance on Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah

[https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/guide/Recaap_guidance_FA\(single\).pdf](https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/guide/Recaap_guidance_FA(single).pdf)

Guide for Tankers Operating in Asia Against Piracy and Armed Robbery Involving Oil Cargo Theft

<https://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/guide/Guide%20for%20Tankers%20Operating%20in%20Asia%20Against%20Piracy%20and%20Armed%20Robbery%20Involving%20Oil%20Cargo%20Theft.pdf>

4. It should be emphasized that routine ship security reporting is extremely important for remedial actions to be taken locally and for the formulation and institution of more effective preventive measures at regional and international level in the fight against piracy. The Information Fusion Centre (IFC) is the first point of contact for ships in the region offering a voluntary reporting scheme. The IFC can be contacted at:

Information Fusion Centre
Telephone : +65-6594-5728 (Office hour)
+65-9626-8965 (Non office hour)
Email : ifc_do@defence.gov.sg
Website : <https://www.ifc.org.sg/>

5. Hong Kong registered ships plying/trading in the South East Asia region are strongly recommended to participate in this service and to report all incidents of piracy and armed robbery on board to the nearest Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), Company Security Officer, the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) and Hong Kong Marine Department (HKMD) (Email: hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk). The IMB can be contacted at:

IMB Piracy Reporting Centre 24 Hours Anti Piracy Helpline
Telephone : +603 2031 0014
Email : imbkl@icc-ccs.org (General) / piracy@icc-ccs.org (Piracy)
Website : <https://www.icc-ccs.org/icc/imb>

6. Security information updated from time to time can be found in the website of IMB Piracy Reporting Centre at:

<https://www.icc-ccs.org/index.php/piracy-reporting-centre>

7. All relevant parties should pay particular attention, exercise extreme vigilance and take necessary precautionary measures when any ship transiting the mentioned waters.

8. The Ship Operators Security and Quality Advisory No. 58 issued on 22 May 2020 is hereby superseded.

Yours faithfully,

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