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*To : Shipowners / Ship Managers*

### **Security Advice to Hong Kong Registered Ships**

We have received a general media report that an Islamic militant group has threatened to destroy vessels carrying United States military goods in the Middle East and named Hong Kong shipping firms as amongst its targets. This message serves to inform management companies of Hong Kong registered ships, especially Company Security Officers, of such media information.

However there is no specific intelligence to suggest that any shipping firms from Hong Kong or any Hong Kong registered ships are likely to be targets of terrorism. The Hong Kong Police Force will nevertheless maintain close liaison with overseas law enforcement and intelligence agencies to ensure timely intelligence and situation assessments. If there is any change to the Maritime Security level for Hong Kong registered ships and issuance of any precautionary measures that may become necessary you will be informed immediately.

Please be advised that at this moment Maritime Security Level of Hong Kong registered ships still to be remained at level 1.

Despite the above it is still advised that ships trading to the Middle East to be on a heightened state of alertness and to take all necessary ship security

measures and precautions when traveling to any ports in the region.

Please feel free to contact Security & Quality Assurance Section at telephone (852) 2852 4503 if you have any query in respect of the above matter.

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