

23 September 2011

To: All CSO of HK registered ships

Chinese Naval Vessels Escort Arrangement – Update

The convoy schedule (October 2011); and

Satellite phone numbers of the Chinese Navy ships

Convoy Schedule (October 2011)

1. The China MRCC has provided the following convoy schedule for your information and planning purposes:

Eastbound convoys	Westbound convoys
Rendezvous position (Point B) is: 11-52N 044-12E Time: 0700 UTC	Rendezvous position (Point A) is: 14-50N 053-50E Time: 0700 UTC
2 October	5 October
8 October	11 October
14 October	17 October
20 October	23 October
26 October	29 October

From 1st October, rendezvous position (Point A) is changed to 14-50N 053-50E.

Satellite contact numbers of the Chinese Navy ships:

WUHAN (169)	Tel. No.: 773122829
	Fax. No.: 783122279
YULIN (569)	Tel. No.: 773122932
	Fax. No.: 783120476
QINGHAIHU (885)	Tel. No.: 763680868
	Fax. No.: 763680860

To gauge the demand of Hong Kong registered ships seeking assistance from Chinese naval warships, ships scheduled to transit the Gulf of Aden are reminded of the need to submit a “ship movement report” via e-mail to the Hong Kong Marine Emergency and Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (HKMRCC). The email address of HKMRCC is hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk. Shipowner should submit the “ship movement report” 7, 5, 3, 2, 1 day(s) before the ship arriving the reporting line.

Shipowner is strongly advised that joining vessels should select their time of escort convoy according to the announced schedule and take the initiative to adjust their speed for appropriate time of arrival. Shipowner should also submit at least 2 days in advance confirmation of the time of the escort convoy intended to join in order to avoid applying of joining the escort convoy on arrival to the reporting line. Before sending the application, the masters and the shipowner should clearly confirm that they would join the navy escort.

Hong Kong shipowner of non Hong Kong registered ships may also apply for Chinese naval escort services by submitting the applications to the Beijing MRCC through the flag state embassy in Beijing under the following e-mail address:

cnmrcc@msa.gov.cn / cnmrcc@mot.gov.cn

Tel: 86 10 652 92221

Fax: 86 10 652 92245

Vessels joining the convoy shall follow the instruction of the Chinese escorting naval warships and shall not make early departure from the convoy without consent.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact us.