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To: All Masters, Ship Security Officers, Company Security Officers, Shipowners, Ship Managers and Ship Operators of Hong Kong registered ships

Security and Quality Advisory No. 21
Revised Interim Guidance to Shipowners, Ship Operators, and Shipmasters on the use of Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel on board ships in the High Risk Area

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of IMO at its 89th session held from 11 to 20 May 2011, approved the MSC.1/Circ.1405/Rev.1. The purpose of the Circular is to provide parties concerned with the revised “Interim Guidance to Shipowners, Ship Operators, and Shipmasters on the use of Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel on board ships in the High Risk Area”.
2. The MSC.1/Circ.1405/Rev.1 can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/cirletter.html) as an attachment to this advisory. Parties concerned are required to note the information contained in this circular.

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