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

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Security and Quality Advisory No.69
Security situation in the Black Sea and the Azov Sea

We would like to provide updates regarding the security situation in and around the Exclusive Economic Zones and territorial waters of the Ukraine and the Russian Federation in the Black Sea and the Azov Sea (Concerned Waters).

2. It is learned from IMO Circular Letter No.4544, in the Annex, that the Government of Ukraine is concerned about reports of drifting mines in the Concerned Waters. As such, international shipping safety in this region cannot be guaranteed.

3. Masters, Ship Security Officers, Company Security Officers, Shipowners and Ship Managers of Hong Kong Registered Ships are advised to conduct the Risk Assessment, review the required response according to the Ship Security Plan and should endeavour to obtain updated information from the port agents when planning for voyages in the Concerned Waters

4. Please be reminded to report all security incidents to the nearest rescue coordination centre (RCC) or port Authorities and to HKMD as follows:

Hong Kong Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre

(24 Hours Communication Focal Point)

Email : hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk

Telephone : (852) 2233 7999

Fax : (852) 2541 7714

5. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at mms@mardep.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,

(No signature on website)

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