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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Registration with the MSCHOA and Report to UKMTO

To : *Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, and Masters*

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to inform shipowners, ship managers, ship operators and masters of the importance for Hong Kong registered ships to register with the MSCHOA and report their navigational information to the UKMTO when navigating in the known areas of pirate activities in the Gulf of Aden and beyond in the Indian Ocean. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 44/2014 issued on 21 November 2014.

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1. The Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa (MSCHOA) and the UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) are the two main operating organizations in the region to facilitate the reconnaissance coordination of international naval and aircraft patrols. The MSCHOA provides 24 hour manned monitoring of vessels transiting through the Gulf of Aden. They also provide an interactive website which enables the Centre to provide the latest anti-piracy guidance to the ships and allows ship's operators to register their movements in the region. The UKMTO acts as the primary point of contact for merchant vessels and liaison with military forces in the region. It also administers the Voluntary Reporting Scheme.

2. Apart from the registration with the MSCHOA prior to entering the Voluntary Reporting Area (refer to the latest maritime security charts) via website www.mschoa.org, Hong Kong registered ships should also follow the measures set out in the "Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea" (BMP5) and are strongly encouraged to send regular reports providing their position/course/speed and ETA at next port to the UKMTO.

3. For further updated information, please contact the MSCHOA and UKMTO at:

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UKMTO

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Website: www.ukmto.org

4. The Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 44/2014 issued on 21 November 2014 is hereby superseded.

Inquiries

5. Inquiries relating to this Merchant Shipping Information Note should be directed to Senior Surveyor / Security & Quality Assurance, Tel. No. (852) 2852 4503, Fax No. (852) 2545 0556 or E-mail: sqa@mardep.gov.hk.

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