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To : all CSO of HK registered ships

Dear Sirs,

You will have already noted from the media that China is sending a naval unit consisting of two destroyers and a supply ship to the Gulf of Aden on an anti-piracy mission. As advised by the Mainland authorities, the main task of the naval unit is “to protect Chinese ships and crew on board, as well as ships carrying humanitarian relief material for the international organizations, including the World Food Programme.” In this context, Chinese ships include ships registered in Hong Kong.

Since the announcement MD has been coordinating with the China Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) arrangements for ships registered in Hong Kong. To gauge the demand of Hong Kong registered ships seeking assistance from Chinese naval vessels, companies with ships scheduled to transit the Gulf of Aden after 6 January 2009 are requested to submit a “ship movement report” via e-mail to the Hong Kong Marine Emergency and Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (HKMRCC). This “ship movement report” should be submitted 7 days in advance prior to the ship’s ETA at the reporting lines (Reporting line A: Longitude 57° E for westbound ships from the Indian Ocean; Reporting line B: Latitude 15° N for southbound ships through the Red Sea), and should be resubmitted in case there is substantial change to the report details.

The movement reports of HK registered ships will be passed to the China MRCC for assessment and initial screening. According to the assessment, China MRCC will further coordinate with the Chinese Navy on the passage plan and arrangement. Ships that are considered as eligible for joining the passage under navy surveillance will be advised individually and given more detailed passage and contact information about 3 days before arriving at the reporting lines by MD. Companies of such ships are required to confirm that their ships are able to join the planned passage, and will follow the instructions given by China MRCC when approaching the Gulf and the naval vessels during the passage.

Please note that the above preliminary arrangement is drawn up with a view to maximize the effectiveness of naval resources, and might be subject to change from time to time depending on experience gained. You will be advised by MD of any such changes to overall arrangements should they become necessary.

The “Ship Movement Report” Form is attached at Annex 1 and the e-mail address of HKMRCC is hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk

For queries to the above, please contact the Security & Quality Assurance Section at e-mail address: sqa1@mardep.gov.hk

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