

To: All CSO of HK registered ships

Chinese Naval Vessels Escort Arrangement – Update

The convoy schedule (September 2023) and

Communication Details of the Chinese Navy ship

Convoy Schedule (September 2023)

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

| Eastbound convoys | Westbound convoys |
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| Rendezvous position (Point B) is: 11-52N 044-12E | Rendezvous position (Point A) is: 14-00N 051-00E |
| Time: 0600 UTC | Time: 0600 UTC |
| September | September |
| 3 | 6 |
| 9 | 12 |
| 15 | 18 |
| 21 | 24 |
| 27 | 30 |

2. 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.

3. 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 the 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.

4. 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 under the following e-mail address:

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

Tel: 86 10 652 92221

Fax: 86 10 652 92245

5. 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.

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

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