

To: All CSO of HK registered ships

Chinese Naval Vessels Escort Arrangement – Update

The convoy schedule (January 2026) and

Communication Details of the Chinese Navy ship

The China MRCC has **NOT fixed** convoy schedule for January 2026. Chinese naval escort services will be arranged based on individual ship applications.

2. Hong Kong registered ships planning to transit the Gulf of Aden and seeking assistance from Chinese naval warships are required 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 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 their intention to request navy escort services.

4. Please be reminded that in case Hong Kong registered ships has to en route the Gulf of Aden, shipowners are advised to report the relevant information in the “ship movement report” via e-mail to HKMRCC, so that the Chinese escorting naval warships may provide possible security coverage based on the situation.

5. 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

6. 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.

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

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