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

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Security and Quality Advisory No.65

Revised Industry Counter Piracy Guidance

The Marine Department (MD) has issued Merchant Shipping Information Note (MSIN) No.48/2021 – Revised Industry Counter Piracy Guidance at <https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/pdf/msin2148.pdf>. The purpose of this MSIN is to promulgate IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1601/Rev.1 (Circular) and to advise parties concerned of the Revised Industry Counter Piracy Guidance. The Circular contains three Annexes:

- i. Global Counter Piracy Guidance for Companies, Masters and Seafarers (Annex 1);
 - ii. Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea (BMP5) (Annex 2); and
 - iii. Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security off the Coast of West Africa including Gulf of Guinea (BMP West Africa) (Annex 3).
2. In addition, MD issued Security and Quality Advisory No.58 (Advisory) on 22 May 2020, “Regional Guide to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia”. The Advisory provides information to counter piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia and it is posted in our website at https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/faq/pdf/sqa_58.pdf.
3. All masters, ship and company security officers, shipowners and ship managers are recommended to observe the guidances and contact information available in the aforementioned Circular and Advisory when planning for voyages transiting in piracy and armed robbery areas.

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

Yours faithfully,

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