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To: All Masters, Ship Security Officers and Company Security Officers of Hong Kong registered ships

Security and Quality Advisory No. 7
Advisory to Shipping on improving Security Measures while transiting the
Malacca Strait

1. This Circular letter draws the attention to the Singapore Navy Information Fusion Centre (IFC) Shipping Advisory 1/2010.
2. The Shipping Advisory 1/2010 states that the Republic of Singapore Navy has received indication that a terrorist group is planning attacks on oil tankers in the Malacca Strait.
3. It said “this **does not preclude** possible attacks on other large vessels with dangerous cargo.”
4. “Smaller vessels such as dinghies and speedboats were used in the past attack cases. It has also revealed that small fishing vessels such as sampans were used to board victim ships.”
5. The IFC Shipping Advisory recommends ship masters to adopt a Ship Security Plan (SSP) measures similar to that of a transit through the Gulf of Aden.
6. “While transiting Malacca Strait and Singapore Strait, ships are encouraged to furnish regular update to positional information to IFC at 4 to 8 hourly intervals. This will facilitate IFC to provide timely warning to ships should an impending threat is developing in the vicinity of the ship.”

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8. This administration recommends Hong Kong registered ships to strengthen their security measures in the area.
9. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have questions regarding this matter.



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