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

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Security and Quality Advisory No.70
Security Incidents in Macapa, Brazil Reported by
Hong Kong Registered Ships in 2022

This circular letter notifies the concerned parties to be aware of the security incidents in the anchorage of Macapa, Brazil.

2. In 2022, two (2) similar security incidents onboard Hong Kong Registered Ships (HK Ships) at the anchorage of Macapa, Brazil were reported. Both incidents involved unauthorized access from a boat and robbery of paints from the paint locker. In one of the incidents, an Able Seafarer was tied up on deck.
3. Company Security Officer (CSO) shall, among others, advise the level of threats likely to be encountered by the ship, using appropriate security assessments and other relevant information (ISPS Code A/11.2.1). Helpful information could be found from various sources including:
 - (i) The Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note (MSIN) under the title Maritime Security (with a particular focus on MSIN 15/2009) - https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin_index.html
 - (ii) Security and Quality Advisory (SQA) (with a particular focus on SQA No. 38, 55, 56, 58, 60-63 and 65) - <https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/faq/cirletter.html>
4. It is essential to pay particular attention and keep vigilant watch when ships are in waters of concern.
5. Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

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