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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. 74** **Security situation in the Black Sea and the Azov Sea**

Recognizing the recent perspectives expressed by the shipping industry, we would like to bring your attention to the importance of ensuring the safety of navigation and security of shipping in and around the Exclusive Economic Zones and territorial waters of Ukraine and the Russian Federation in the Black Sea and the Azov Sea (Concerned Waters).

#### **General Information**

2. Masters, Ship Security Officers, Company Security Officers, Shipowners, and Ship Managers of Hong Kong Registered Ships (HK Ships) that are presently located in or intending to enter the Concerned Waters are strongly advised to undertake a comprehensive Risk Assessment, thoroughly review the prescribed responses outlined in the Ship Security Plan (SSP), and communicate with all relevant coastal States, port authorities, and port agents in order to acquire the requisite clearances and regional information. Failure to secure the necessary clearances and regional information may subject the ship to intolerable risks.

#### **Information from IMO**

3. Information about the evolving maritime security and security situation in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov region can be found at:

<https://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/MaritimeSecurityandSafetyintheBlackSeaandSeaofAzov.aspx>

## **Reporting intending movements and security incidents in the Concerned Waters**

4. Please be reminded to report all intending movements in the Concerned Waters to Cargo Ships Safety Section and security incidents to the nearest rescue coordination centre (RCC) or port authorities and to Hong Kong Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre as follows:

Cargo Ships Safety Section

Email : [ss\\_css@mardep.gov.hk](mailto:ss_css@mardep.gov.hk) / [mms@mardep.gov.hk](mailto:mms@mardep.gov.hk)

Telephone : (852) 2852 4510

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Hong Kong Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre

(24 Hours Communication Focal Point)

Email : [hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk](mailto:hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk)

Telephone : (852) 2233 7999

Fax : (852) 2541 7714

5. The Security and Quality Advisory No. 66 to 69 issued in 2022 are hereby superseded.

Yours faithfully,

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