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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. 79**  
**Revised Industry Counter Piracy Guidance**

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 110<sup>th</sup> session held from 18 to 27 June 2025, was informed that a new consolidated version of the Best Management Practices Maritime Security (BMP MS) had been issued in April 2025. This consolidated guidance replaces the previous Global Counter Piracy Guidance for Companies, Masters and Seafarers (Global BMP), the revised Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea (BMP5), and Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Security off the Coast of West Africa including Gulf of Guinea (BMP West Africa).

2. The BMP MS, which is accessible and available for download on a dedicated security website at <https://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org/media/lx4jmieu/bmp-ms-2025-final-hi-res.pdf>, is intended to support existing IMO guidance, namely the Recommendations to Governments for preventing and suppressing piracy and armed robbery against ships (MSC.1/Circ. 1333/Rev.1), the Guidance to shipowners and ship operators, shipmasters and crews on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships (MSC.1/Circ.1334) and resolution MSC.324(89) on Implementation of Best Management Practice Guidance. It is also complementary to regional initiatives that provide more detailed guidance tailored to the specific threats in respective region.

3. Furthermore, MD issued Security and Quality Advisory No.72 (Advisory) on 28 November 2022, entitled Regional Guide 2 to Counter Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia. The Advisory offers pertinent information on countering piracy and armed robbery in Asia and is accessible on our website at [https://www.mardep.gov.hk/filemanager/en/share/faq/pdf/sqa\\_72.pdf](https://www.mardep.gov.hk/filemanager/en/share/faq/pdf/sqa_72.pdf).

4. All masters, ship and company security officers, shipowners and ship managers are recommended to observe the BMP MS, all applicable guidance and circulars, and to utilize the contact information provided in the above-mentioned Advisory when planning voyages transiting areas prone to piracy and armed robbery.

5. Should you have any queries, please contact us by email at [mms@mardep.gov.hk](mailto:mms@mardep.gov.hk). The Security and Quality Advisory No. 65, issued on 5 November 2021, is hereby superseded.

Yours faithfully,

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