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To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Masters, Ship Operators and Ship Agents

Dear Sir/ Madam,

## Security and Quality Advisory No. 80 Shipping Companies and Agents are required to submit passenger data starting mid-August 2025

This circular letter draws the attention of shipowners, ship managers, ship masters, ship operators and ship agents of Hong Kong-registered ships, the General Authority of Ports in Saudi Arabia (the Saudi Authority) announced that all shipping agents, shipping companies, and all vessels and marine units flying the Saudi or foreign flag **that reach the territorial waters of Saudi Arabia** are obliged to adhere to the following instructions:

- i. Shipping agents and ship operators are required to provide unified data, including advance passenger and crew information, and to adhere to the instructions and guidelines issued by the Passenger Security System regarding whether passengers are permitted to board;
- ii. Shipping agents and ship operators must fully commit to submitting all passenger and crew information to the system on time and correctly for all voyages, without exception, prior to departure/arrival, as required by the National Centre for Passenger Security;
- iii. Shipping agents and ship operators are required to upload passenger information in the correct quality, in accordance with travel document

information; and

iv. Failure by shipping agents and ship operators to submit all advance passenger information to the Passenger Security System constitutes a violation of the regulations and entails the application of fines and penalties in accordance with applicable laws and regulations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Furthermore, the Saudi Authority urged all shipping agents and ship operators to immediately begin registering in the Passenger Security System and to complete the authorization form for the purpose of communicating with the national Centre for Passenger Security, through sending an email to <a href="mailto:licences@mawani.gov.sa">licences@mawani.gov.sa</a>.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact the Saudi Authority by email at <a href="mailto:complianceSea@ntc.gov.sa">complianceSea@ntc.gov.sa</a>.

Yours faithfully,

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