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TO: Recognised Organisations, Shipowners, Managers, Masters, Seafarers, SMSR partners, SMSR brokers, Surveyors, and the general public.



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SECURITY MEASURES TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE PERSIAN GULF, STRAITS OF HORMUZ, NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA AND GULF OF OMAN

The purpose of this Marine Notice is to inform all San Marino-flagged vessels operating near Iran, the Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Strait of Hormuz and Northern Arabian Sea of the security risks due to the conflict escalation involving the Middle East which could have a direct impact onboard merchant vessels and crews.

- a) Referring to the DIRECTIVE No. 02/2025 SEC 5.1, dated 12 June 2025, still in force, where in accordance with regulation XI/3.1 of the SOLAS Convention and section A/4.1 of the ISPS Code, the Security Level 2 has been set for all vessels flying the San Marino flag to which the SOLAS Convention, chapter XI-2 apply while navigating, being in ports, at anchor or being moored in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman and Northern Arabian Sea;
- b) Considering the ongoing military operation affecting the entire area of the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, northern Arabian sea including Gulf of Oman, Shipping companies must consider the escalating safety and security threats resulting from the military operations in the above-mentioned sea area, involving the coastal zones, as well;
- c) In this new scenario Masters and operators of San Marino flagged vessels that operate or intend to operate in these areas are strongly advised to evaluate the local security circumstances to determine whether their continued presence/or proceeding to the ports in the mentioned regions may guarantee safe trade operations.
- d) In such context, Masters and crews must always observe restrictions imposed by local authorities considering also that port services may be disrupted and security levels in ports may change at short notice. As required in terms of the ISPS Code, ships shall respond to the MARSEC level set by the Contracting Government as outlined in Regulations 4.3 and 4.4 of such Code.
- e) Moreover, Company security officers-(CSO), Masters, and ship security officers (SSO) must review security threat assessments for merchant ships operating in these areas and consider to implement higher ship security level procedures as outlined in the relevant approved ship security plans
- f) San Marino-flagged vessels are strongly advised when transit near Iran, the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, northern Arabian sea including Gulf of Oman to increase higher preventive precautions, to keep the utmost vigilance and increase security conditions aboard to protect the vessels and its crews
- g) For safety reasons, the Automatic Identification System (AIS) and the Long-Range Identification and Tracking system (LRIT) must be always turned on, except in those cases where the Master considers that the security of the vessel could be compromised. In accordance with the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), in the same way, VHF Channel 16 must be monitored and communication must be maintained at all times with local authorities and with the San Marino Maritime Authority;



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- h) For the above consideration, the Security level 2 must be always adopted and implemented along the aforementioned area;
- i) In addition to the instructions provided by the Ship Security Plan for the Security Level 2, Shipmasters and CSOs are advised to maintain close contact with regional maritime security centres (UKMTO and MSCIO, as linked below) and monitor official government and military warnings which may preclude certain navigation areas;
- j) Vessels should report any unusual activity or security incident to UKMTO via the established Voluntary Reporting Schemes and keep communication equipment manned and functional at all time. Such reports should be notified also to the CSO which might consider informing the Administration (security@smsr.sm);
- k) Company Security Officers and Deputy Company Security Officers, are requested to acknowledge this Marine notice.

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UKMTO <https://www.bing.com/search?q=UKMTO+reporting&form=ANNNB1&refid=6db50114317641a29f216c4fe9f3cb47&pc=HCTS>

MSCIO <https://eunavfor.eu/mschoa>