

# Republic of the Marshall Islands

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### SHIP SECURITY ADVISORY No. 07-23 (Rev. 3)

**To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Company Security Officers, Recognized Security Organizations**

**Subject: GEOPOLITICAL CONFLICT IN ISRAEL**

**Date: 22 December 2023**

#### 1.0 Advice

1.1 Following the geopolitical conflict in Israel and the recent attacks on Israeli ports, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") advises that:

- .1 The ship security level for the Israeli ports of Ashdod and Ashkelon remains at [Security Level 3](#) (or equivalent security measures in port).
- .2 The ship security level for the Israeli ports of Eilat, Hadera, Haifa, Tel-Aviv, and Israeli territorial waters have been lowered to **Security Level 2** (or equivalent security measures at port).
- .3 The threat of collateral damage to merchant vessels has increased significantly.
- .4 Vessels with links to Israel or the United States (US) may be under heightened threat of attack within Israeli territorial waters, the Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, and Red Sea areas.
- .5 In the event of an incident or suspicious activity in the Eastern Mediterranean, RMI-flagged vessels should immediately notify the NATO Shipping Centre (NSC) and the US Coast Guard (USCG) National Response Center (NRC); and activate the Ship Security Alert System.
- .6 Any incident report submitted to NSC or USCG NRC should also be copied to the 6th Fleet Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) detachment and to the Administrator.
- .7 RMI-flagged vessels are encouraged to participate in NSC's Mediterranean Voluntary Reporting Scheme. Reporting entails contacting NSC when entering or departing the Mediterranean Sea and/or departing a port in the Mediterranean Sea.

This SSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.

The preferred reporting method is provided online - [Mediterranean Reporting Scheme – Format A](#). Alternatively, the forms can be downloaded, filled in, and submitted by email to NSC.

- 1.2 Vessels transiting the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, and Arabian/Persian Gulf should follow the advice in Ship Security Advisory No. [01-24](#).

## 2.0 Contact Information

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