

# Republic of the Marshall Islands

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### SHIP SECURITY ADVISORY No. 05-24 (Rev. 1)

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

**Subject: GEOPOLITICAL CONFLICT IN ISRAEL**

**Date: 30 September 2024**

#### **1.0 Updates**

1.1 This SSA has been revised to update the ship security level for Israeli ports.

#### **2.0 Advice**

2.1 Due to continued geopolitical conflict in the Middle East region and recent attacks on Israeli port cities, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") advises that:

- .1 the ship security level for all Israeli ports is set to [Security Level 3](#) (or equivalent security measures at port). This includes port limits and the territorial waters (12 nautical miles) off these ports;
- .2 the ship security level for the remainder of Israeli territorial waters is set 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, the United States (US), or the United Kingdom (UK) may be under heightened threat of attack within Israeli territorial waters, the Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, and Red Sea regions;
- .5 in the event of an incident or suspicious activity in the Eastern Mediterranean, RMI-flagged vessels should immediately notify the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Shipping Centre (NSC), 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 both the 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) and the Administrator; and

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is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.

- .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. 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.
- 2.2 Vessels calling in Israel or transiting the Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, and Red Sea regions should also follow the advice in SSA Nos. [01-25](#) and [03-25](#).

### **3.0 Contact Information**

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