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Middle East Instability - Guidance

To: Masters, Shipowners & Operators

1. **References**

- Shipping Guidance Notices
- Security Administrative Instructions
- FCDO Travel advice
- UKMTO
- JMIC

2. **Summary**

2.1. The Gibraltar Maritime Administration (GMA) is maintaining an active overview of the current developments arising from the current instability affecting the Middle East region, in particular the Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, and Strait of Hormuz.

2.2. The GMA in conjunction with the security guidance and information obtained via the United Kingdom Department for Transport, promulgates specific International Ship & Port Security (ISPS) guidance provided via the Administration's Security Administrative Instructions (SAI) to which all Company Security Officers (CSO) should have access to, and where such information should be communicated securely to Ship Security Officers (SSO) on board Gibraltar registered ships.

2.3. Furthermore, the GMA is conscious of the impact the instability may be having on seafarers on board Gibraltar registered ships in the area and is grateful for measures being taken by owners/operators in support of affected seafarers.

3. Recommendations

3.1. In addition to published SAI's, GMA further recommends that CSO's additionally refer to the latest Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) travel and safety advice as may be relevant to seafarers you support, and further, refer to UKMTO and JMIC advisory notes for situational awareness.

3.2. British seafarers in Bahrain, Israel, Kuwait, Palestine, Qatar and United Arab Emirates should be encouraged to register with the FDCO crisis centre:

- https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-office-travel-advice-updates

3.3. GMA will via the publication of SAI's and Shipping Guidance Notices (SGN) (as applicable) promulgate any further related information obtained, and remain available via our general email address on in cases of emergencies via our dedicated out of hours number +350 56939000 for any additional support which may be provided.

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For & on behalf of the Maritime Administrator

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