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Ongoing security instability in the southern Red Sea, the Strait of Bab el Mandab, and the Gulf of Aden.

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



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1. Introduction

It is worth noting the ongoing security instability, and the connected risks to the ships navigating or operating in the sea areas of the southern Red Sea, the Strait of Bab el Mandab, and the Gulf of Aden. Therefore, the following information and recommendations provided by Joint Maritime Information Centre JMIC should be read onboard ships flying the San Marino flag and by their companies and owners as a complement to the rules, recommendations and information already provided in the following documents of the San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority, and the San Marino Ship Registry:

1. Directive 6 2024 SEC 3.3 on the 30 October 2024, setting Security Level 2 and other protective measures for ships flying the San Marino flag while navigating, being at anchor or being moored in the Red Sea (Part of), the Strait of Bab el Mandeb, and the Gulf of Aden;
2. San Marino Bulletin SMBU – 2025 – 015 on the 03 February 2025: Threat to merchant marine, and ship's protection in the Red Sea, the Strait of Bab el Mandab, the Gulf of Aden, and the northwestern Indian Ocean, paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5;
3. San Marino Bulletin SMBU – 2025 – 016 on the 03 April 2025 providing information on the publication, amongst the others, of the "Maritime Industry Security Threat Overview (MISTO), chapter: Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Northwest Indian Ocean – Houthi insurgents".

2. JMIC weekly dashboard for the Middle East No. 21/2025 (19 May – 25 May 2025)

Owners, operators, masters and seafarers are recommended to take into account the following information while carrying out the risk assessment before entering the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden:

1. Houthi controlled ports

The Houthi controlled ports of Ras Isa, As Salif, and Hodeida remain partially operational with limited cargo handling capabilities. Ships continue to report being forcibly denied departure until cargo has been discharged and in most reports crew documentation was confiscated;

2. HOCC messaging

Based on the recent declaration by the Houthi-controlled Herakat al-Houthi Operations Command Council (HOCC) regarding an expanded threat posture in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden the JMIC has issued an advisory highlighting that ships linked to Israeli port of Haifa – including sister ships under common ownership or management – are now at increased risk of targeted actions by HOCC elements.

JMIC urges all shipping companies to audit their fleets for any connections to Israeli ports, review digital and AIS data, and strengthen cybersecurity and information control measures to reduce



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potential risks. For the full advisory and latest updates. Please see JMIC's statement on UKMTO¹ website.

3. GPS/GNSS Interference

JMIC has received widespread report of GPS interference at multiple locations in central and southern areas of the Red Sea. The interference in the central Red Sea is assessed to be related to Sudan's civil war.

Therefore, during the period of GPS uncertainty it would be prudent for mariners to consider using also traditional – non electronic – means of position fixing to cross check the ship's position until further notice.

4. Additional Resources

1. Additional resources on incident:
UKMTO reporting visit: <https://www.ukmto.org>
Email: <https://www.ukmto.org>
Emergency Tel: +44 (0)2392 222060
2. Additional resources on industry guidance:
BMP5: <https://www.ics-shipping.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/bmp5-hi-res-min.pdf>
BMP MS: https://www.maritimelobalsecurity.org/media/lx4jmieu/bmp-ms_final_hi_res_s.pdf
MISTO: <https://www.maritimelobalsecurity.org/media/hjcjxkc/2025-03-31-misto-final.pdf>
3. ATP – 02.1 NCAGS Guide to owners, operator, master and officers:
https://shipping.nato.int/systems/file_download.ashx?pg=692&ver=2
4. JMIC Info notes, Advisories, Weekly summary, etc.:
<https://www.ukmto.org/-/media/ukmto/products/jmic->

¹ https://www.ukmto.org/-/media/ukmto/products/007-jmic-advisory-note-25_may_2025.pdf?rev=2f81463232164122b31edf7318597168