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For the attention of: SRS Owners, Managers, Operators and Masters.

Advisory for Singapore-Registered Ships Operating in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov

The security situation in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov remains highly volatile. Merchant vessels, port infrastructure and maritime export facilities continue to face an elevated risk of attack arising from the ongoing conflict. Recent incidents indicate that the principal threat areas include Ukrainian and Russian-controlled ports, the northwestern Black Sea, the Sea of Azov, the Kerch Strait, and the approaches to Novorossiysk and the Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) Terminal.

2 The Singapore Ship Registry (SRS) advises all Singapore-registered ships (SRS) operating in, transiting through, or intending to call at ports in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov to exercise heightened vigilance and undertake prudent risk mitigation measures.

3 Shipowners, operators and Masters are advised to:

- Maintain a high level of situational awareness and remain alert to threats from unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), missiles, naval mines, and other asymmetric attacks. Recognise that ports, anchorages and vessels may also be exposed to collateral damage from strikes on nearby military, energy or critical infrastructure.
- Conduct voyage-specific security and navigational risk assessments before entering the region and continuously monitor the evolving security situation throughout the voyage.
- Review and implement appropriate protective measures in accordance with the Ship Security Plan (SSP), the prevailing MARSEC/security level, and company procedures.
- Monitor navigational warnings, Notices to Mariners, and security advisories issued by the relevant coastal States and recognised maritime security organisations.
- Maintain regular communication with the Company Security Officer (CSO) and report any security-related incidents, suspicious activities or attacks immediately

to the relevant coastal authorities, search and rescue authorities where appropriate, and the Singapore Ship Registry.

- Ensure the Automatic Identification System (AIS) is operated in accordance with SOLAS requirements, taking into account the prevailing security threat, applicable international guidance, and any directions issued by the relevant coastal State.
- Ensure that all crew members are briefed on the prevailing threat environment, emergency procedures, and actions to be taken in the event of an attack or security incident.
- Exercise prudent judgement when planning voyages in the region, including evaluating alternative routes, waiting areas and ports where appropriate.

4 The Singapore Ship Registry, in coordination with the Information Fusion Centre (Singapore), will continue to monitor developments closely and issue further guidance as necessary.

5 Thank you for your continued cooperation in safeguarding the safety and security of Singapore-registered ships and their crews.

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