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Applicable to: This circular is for the attention of ship owners, ship managers, operators, masters and crew of Singapore-registered ships and the shipping community

ADVISORY FOR SINGAPORE-FLAGGED SHIPS CALLING PORTS IN YEMEN

1. This circular serves to provide advisory for Singapore-flagged ships calling at ports in Yemen.
2. The security situation in Yemen has deteriorated further with increasingly widespread armed conflicts. The ground conditions remain fluid and highly uncertain as the armed conflicts persist. In consideration of the safety and security of Singapore-flagged ships and the crew serving onboard these ships, owners and operators are strongly advised to avoid having their vessels call at ports in Yemen. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Singapore has also in their travel advisory dated 7 April 2015 strongly advised Singaporeans to avoid all travel to Yemen.
3. The MPA further understands that a naval blockade on Yemeni ports has been enforced and that insurers have since advised owners and operators with either (i) ships at Yemen, or (ii) ships proceeding to Yemen to urgently review their deployment in light of this development. We strongly advise owners and operators of Singapore-flagged ships to carry out the review in consultation with your contractual counterparties as well as Hull, War and P&I insurers and other relevant parties. At all times, safety and security of the crew and the ship must take precedence.
4. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to Mr Yao Yikai, Assistant Director (Registry), MPA, via tel: (65) 6375 6228 or Syamim Yahya, Deputy Manager (Registry Department), MPA via Tel: (65) 6375 6273, or to the Ship Registry dedicated contact via email: marine@mpa.gov.sg and Tel: (65) 6375 1932.

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