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**To: All Masters, Ship Security Officers, Company Security Officers of Hong Kong Registered Ships, Shipowners and Ship Managers**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

### **Security and Quality Advisory No.67** **Security situation in the Black Sea and the Azov Sea**

We would like to provide updates regarding the security situation in and around the Exclusive Economic Zones and territorial waters of the Ukraine and the Russian Federation in the Black Sea and the Azov Sea (Concerned Waters).

2. It is learned from IMO Circular Letter No.4518 that the Government of Ukraine has set the current Maritime Security Level to 3 in sea and river ports of Ukraine. The ports of Ukraine are closed for entry and exit. Hong Kong-registered ships (HK Ships) are required to act upon the security levels set by Contracting Governments (ISPS Code A/7.1) and shall acknowledge receipt of the instruction and shall confirm to the port facility security officer (PFSO) the initiation of the implementation of the appropriate measures and procedures as detailed in the Ship Security Plan (SSP) prior to entering a port or whilst in a port within the territory of a Contracting Government (ISPS Code A/7.6). The ship shall report any difficulties in implementation. In such cases, the PFSO and ship security officer (SSO) shall liaise and co-ordinate the appropriate actions. A copy of the IMO Circular Letter No.4518 is enclosed herewith for easy reference.

3. Masters of all HK Ships currently in or planning to enter the Concerned Waters are advised to conduct the Risk Assessment and review the required response according to the SSP. The Masters, Shipowners and Ship Managers should endeavour to obtain updated information from the port authorities and port agents.

4. Please be reminded to report all security incidents to the nearest rescue coordination centre (RCC) or port Authorities and to HKMD as follows:

Hong Kong Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre

(24 Hours Communication Focal Point)

Email : [hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk](mailto:hkmrcc@mardep.gov.hk)

Telephone : (852) 2233 7999

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6. All Masters, Ship and Company Security officers, Shipowners and Ship Managers are reminded when planning for voyages regarding the Concerned Waters.

7. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at [mms@mardep.gov.hk](mailto:mms@mardep.gov.hk).

Yours faithfully,

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Circular Letter No.4518  
24 February 2022

To: All IMO Members  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Communication from the Government of Ukraine**

The Government of Ukraine has sent the attached communication, dated 24 February 2022, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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The Embassy of Ukraine in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organisation and has the honour to inform about the following.

In connection with the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and being guided by the requirements of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has adopted an Order dated February 25, 2022 №183-r "On establishing the level of maritime security in sea and river ports of Ukraine, port facilities, vessels entitled to sail under the State flag of Ukraine".

According to the aforementioned Order the MARSEC Level 3 Exceptional (Attack Imminent) was established starting from February 25, 2022 for the duration of martial law in Ukraine.

In this regard, the ports of Ukraine are closed for entry and exit.

The Embassy of Ukraine would appreciate if this Note Verbal is urgently circulated among IMO Member States to all IMO Member States, international organizations which have concluded agreements of cooperation with the IMO and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the IMO.

The Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organisation the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 26 February 2022



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