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SHIP SECURITY ADVISORY No. 12-22

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Company Security Officers, Recognized Security Organizations

Subject: REMOVAL OF INDIAN OCEAN HIGH RISK AREA

Date: 21 November 2022

This Ship Security Advisory (SSA) supersedes SSA No. 06-21.

The Round Table of international shipping industry associations and Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) have [announced](#) that the Indian Ocean/Best Management Practices (BMP5) High Risk Area (HRA) will be removed, **effective 1 January 2023**.

In response, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) is in the process of revising RMI Marine Notice [2-011-39](#).

Please note that the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) Voluntary Reporting Area will remain in effect for the Indian Ocean Region (in accordance with Maritime Security chart Q6099), administered by the Maritime Trade Information Centre (MTIC)/UKMTO (Dubai).

Until the HRA removal officially occurs on 1 January 2023, the following HRA coordinates remain in effect:



- Position A (lat of 01° 30' S on the Somali coast), a line to
- Position B (01° 30' S – 046° 00' E), a line to
- Position C (01° 00' N – 049° 30' E), a line to
- Position D (09° 00' N – 055° 00' E), a line to
- Position E (14° 20' N – 057° 30' E), a line to
- Position F (the Yemeni coast at lon 053° 00' E), then
- Follow the Yemeni coast westwards and northwards, to
- Position G (the Yemeni Red Sea coast lat 15° 00' N), then a line to
- Position H (the Eritrea territorial sea border at lat 15° 00' N), then follow southward to Eritrea's and Djibouti's territorial sea borders, to
- Position I (coastal border point of Djibouti and Somalia), then
- Follow the Somali coast eastwards and then southwards, to
- Position A.

Please direct any questions or concerns to [RMI Maritime Security](#).

This SSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.