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**Subject: Maritime Security Advisory for Indian flagged vessels and foreign flagged vessels with Indian seafarers onboard, transiting or navigating in/around Yemen waters, Bab-el-Mandeb Strait and the Southern Red Sea – reg.**

**For the attention of Ship Owners, Ship Managers, RPSL Holders, Ship Masters, Seafarers and Maritime Industry Stakeholders.**

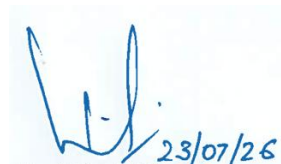
1. The maritime security situation in and round Yemen waters, Bab-el-Mandeb Strait and the Southern Red Sea has witnessed a significant deterioration for merchant vessels operating in/around the region following the announcement by the Houthis group of a blockade against Saudi Arabia, accompanied by threats to maritime traffic in the region. The recent developments have led to an escalation in regional tensions, thereby heightening the security risks to merchant vessels operating in or transiting the affected waters.
2. The Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, which is as a critical maritime route for global energy and commercial trade, remains vulnerable to maritime security threats. Between 2023 and 2025, the Houthis demonstrated the capability to target commercial vessels using missiles, aerial drones, unmanned surface vessels and other weapon systems, resulting in disruptions to maritime traffic in the Southern Red Sea and adjoining waters.
3. Given the present developments, the overall security situation in Yemen, the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, the Southern Red Sea and adjoining waters continues to remain fragile. Accordingly, the possibility of direct or collateral damage to merchant vessels operating or transiting through these waters cannot be ruled out.
4. In view of the above, all Indian-flagged vessels and foreign-flagged vessels carrying Indian seafarers are advised to exercise the highest degree of caution while operating in or transiting the affected region and immediately report any security incident or suspicious activity to DGCOMM through e-navik, the Flag State, Coastal State and any other concerned authority, as required.
5. Shipowners, operators and Masters are advised to undertake voyage-specific security risk assessments, continuously monitor security advisories issued by this Directorate, and other Government departments, whenever issued.

6. Kind attention is invited to DGS Circular No. 08 of 2024 dated 10.04.2025 on the Maritime Security Notification for Online Ship Reporting for the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, Bab al Mandeb Strait, Red Sea, Somali Basin, and Arabian Sea Region. The security measures, reporting procedures and shipboard preparedness prescribed therein remain relevant and should be followed, mutatis mutandis, while transiting or navigating in/around Yemen waters, Bab-el-Mandeb Strait and the Southern Red Sea.

7. For any emergency assistance, seafarers and vessels shall immediately contact:

- a. MMDAC (DG Communication Centre) through the following:  
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- b. IFC-IOR: email - [ifc-ior.gurugram@navy.gov.in](mailto:ifc-ior.gurugram@navy.gov.in) | +91 124 2208385

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