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To: All Masters, Ship Security Officers, Company Security Officers, Hong Kong Shipowners, Hong Kong Ship Managers and Hong Kong Ship Operators of Hong Kong registered ships

Security and Quality Advisory No. 27
Revised Interim Guidance to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Shipmasters
on the use of Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP)
on board Ships in the High Risk Area

The Maritime Safety Committee of IMO at its 90th session held from 16 to 25 May 2012, issued the MSC.1/Circ.1405/Rev.2. The purpose of this Circular is to provide guidance to shipowners, ship operators and shipmasters on the use of privately contracted armed security personnel (PCASP) on board ships in the High Risk Area.

This Advisory and the MSC.1/Circ.1405/Rev.2, as an attachment to this Advisory can be found on the webpage of Marine Department

(http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/cirletter.html).

Parties concerned are required to note the information contained in this Circular, and apply them, as appropriate, to all Hong Kong registered ships on the use of PCASP on board ships in the High Risk Area.

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