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**To: MARINE COMMITTEE**

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### **SECURITY OFF YEMEN**

***Action required: Members are requested to consider the information provided by UKMTO on the threat to commercial shipping from the ongoing conflict in Yemen, and to disseminate it as widely as possible.***

Attention is drawn to the guidance issued by the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Office (UKMTO) in Advisory Notice 003/OCT/16, copied below. Industry has had no indication or evidence that the merchant shipping community is a target and the UKMTO advisory is forwarded to assist ships in taking actions to minimise the risks of becoming accidentally involved in the Yemeni Conflict.

### **ADVISORY NOTICE 003/OCT/16**

1. **Category:** Maritime Security Incident/SOLAS - Update
2. **Description:** On 1 Oct 16 UKMTO advised of a vessel on fire at 0102 UTC in posn 13 06N, 043 08E (Bab el Mandeb straits). Indications are this incident is linked with the Yemen conflict and was a targeted attack from ashore on a specific UAE flagged vessel. Masters can expect to see an increased coalition warship presence in the Bab el Mandeb straits and as a precaution, should consider the following: maintain the farthest possible distance from the Yemen coast, transit the Bab el Mandeb straits during daylight hours, use the western TSS, increase speed, maintain vigilance and report any unusual activity to UKMTO.
3. Any queries regarding this Advisory Notice ring 0044 2392 222060 only for further information

Members are requested to disseminate this information as widely. The Secretariat will continue to monitor the situation in coordination with military forces in the region and advise members of any developments as appropriate. The issue of security in the Bab el Madeb and Yemeni Waters will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Marine Committee (19-20 October 2016).

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