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GUIDANCE ON THE REMOVAL OF THE HIGH-RISK AREA

Action Required: Members are invited to consider the guidance on the removal of the High-Risk Area provided at Annex A and to circulate it to their membership.

Members will recall that the High-Risk Area in the Western Indian Ocean will be removed as of 0001 UTC on January 1 2023. It will also be recalled that the industry associations responsible for the HRA plan to provide comprehensive threat guidance in the form of regional threat advisories, reviewed and updated on a periodic basis. Regrettably the first of these advisories will not be produced prior to the removal of the HRA, and as such the Industry Associations have developed interim guidance for owners on the removal of the area and its impact on security, provided at **Annex A**. Members are invited to consider the guidance and to circulate it to their membership. The guidance will also be provided on the industry security website www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org.

It will be recalled that the HRA is distinct from the Lloyds Joint War Committee's listed area in the Indian Ocean, which is unlikely to be immediately removed or reduced. However, shipowners may wish to bring the guidance to the attention of their underwriters when negotiating cover.

Any questions with respect to the information provided or the guidance should be provided to the undersigned (john.stawpert@ics-shipping.org).

[MC\(22\)133 -Annex A - HRA Removal Guidance](#)

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