

# Navigational Safety Guidelines for the Vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz

**[Back ground]** Following the first anniversary of the death of Iranian Revolutionary Guard Commander, Qassem Soleimani, concerns and anxieties keep arising toward retaliatory actions over the pro-American countries in Middle East area.

Around at 15:30, 04.Jan.2021, a South Korean-flagged vessel in the Strait of Hormuz had been detained by Iranian Navy

**[Purpose]** To provide guidelines for the minimum safety measures to be taken by the shipping companies and ships to ensure the safety of our ships (including BBCHP) sailing through the Persian Gulf in addition to the Strait of Hormuz.

## Navigational Safety Measures

- 1 Safety measures before entering the area
  - 1.1 For the vessels intending to enter the Strait of Hormuz, report to the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries and the UKMTO when entering VRA.
  - 1.2 Check all navigation communication equipment such as AIS, VHF and INMARSAT in advance.
  - 1.3 Get prepared for the implementation of security measures which would be equivalent to the ISPS Level 2.
  - 1.4 Conduct the SSAS test with the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries 24-hour before entering the Strait of Hormuz.
  - 1.5 Prepare to elevate the watch keeping level based on the ship's situation.
  - 1.6 Make sure the Emergency contact list to be up-to-date including the relevant organizations.
  - 1.7 Prepare ship's store, provisions and fuel oil well enough.
- 2 Safety measures during sailing the area including when the vessel in port.
  - 2.1 AIS must be kept operational at all times.
  - 2.2 Maintain a consistent communication system with the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries and Cheonghae Anti-Piracy Unit.
  - 2.3 The watch level (including the duty in port) shall be enhanced as suitable to the ship's actual condition, e.g Master's direct helm or posting an additional watch man.
  - 2.4 Maintain the prompt response system via VHF, especially with United States Fifth Fleet or relevant organizations. If any suspicious movements observed, notify the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries and the P.I.C of your shipping company immediately.

- 3 Measures to take when the event occurs
  - 3.1 Activate SSAS button in case of emergency or recognition of danger.
  - 3.2 Report to the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries and the P.I.C of your shipping company immediately.
  - 3.3 Take a proper action following Emergency Response Manual such as sending distress signal.
- 4 Notes (a 150-mile radius of the Strait of Hormuz)
  - 4.1 The Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries keeps continuously monitoring system and consider our ships which approaching to the radius of 150-mile from the position of “Latitude: 26 degrees14min50sec N / Longitude: 56degrees12min36sec E” as intending to enter the Strait of Hormuz.

### Information sharing channel operation

- 1 Security manager of the shipping company for the vessel sailing through the Strait of Hormuz should provide the Emergency contact list to the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries and share a relevant information by participating the real-time status sharing channel provided by the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries.
- 2 If any suspicious movements observed, the shipping company should notify the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, other shipping companies or related associations with no hesitation.

### Emergency Contact List of the related organizations

- 1 Maritime Affairs and Safety Policy Bureau (24-hour)  
Phone: +82 044 200 5895~5896 / Fax: +82 044 200 5883, 5886  
E-mail: [mof5896@korea.kr](mailto:mof5896@korea.kr) / Website: [www.gicoms.go.kr](http://www.gicoms.go.kr)
- 2 Cheonghae Anti-Piracy Unit (the 33<sup>rd</sup> contingent ‘Choi Young’, presents in Dec.2020)  
Phone: 001 870 773 110 438(INMARSAT)  
  
\* Confirmation is demanded in GICOMS since Cheonghae Anti-Piracy Unit rotates every 4 months.
- 3 Director-General for Overseas Korean Nationals Protection (24-hour)  
Phone: +82 2100 8585, 8567~8569 / Fax: +82 02 2100 7966  
E-mail: [jikim@mofa.go.kr](mailto:jikim@mofa.go.kr)
- 4 UKMTO (United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations)  
Phone: +44 2392 222 060 / E-mail: [watchkeepers@ukmto.org](mailto:watchkeepers@ukmto.org)  
Website: [www.ukmto.org](http://www.ukmto.org)
- 5 MSC-HOA (Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa)  
Phone: +33 (0)2 92 222 060 / E-mail: [postmaster@mschoa.org](mailto:postmaster@mschoa.org)  
Website: [www.mschoa.org](http://www.mschoa.org)
- 6 US Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping  
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