

**Application:** all ship-owners, operators, masters and officers of merchant ships and authorised classification societies.

This Bulletin supersedes Bulletin 266 which is hereby cancelled.

However, in light of recent issues in the Straits of Hormuz, this Bulletin provides some additional guidance on security when navigating in the region of the Gulf of Oman, Straits of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf.

All ships in this area are permitted to implement additional security measures for the duration of their time in the region without increasing the security, unless this is required by the coastal states. The managers/owners should ensure a complete risk assessment is carried out prior to undertaking a voyage in the region. Therefore for Barbados flagged ship, the security level remains at level 1, at this time.

Any change to a higher security level, whether it be here or any other part of the world, is to be advised to the Registry. For other countries and sea areas be guided by the government of the country or sea area for setting higher security levels.

Gulf of Aden - all ships should register in advance with MSCHOA and report to UKMTO to obtain the latest information. Operators should also ensure that their ships are following the latest edition of the Best Management Practices available on their website.