



Maritime Circular No.58

To:

Ship-Owners/ Managers/ Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognised Security Organisations (RSOs), SLMARAD Departments (All)

Subject:

Raise of Security Level for vessels trading in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman

Date:

03rd March 2026

Purpose

To inform all interested parties about the raise of Ship Security Level to level 3 for all vessels trading within the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman.

Application

1. Taking into consideration the current geopolitical situation in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman, as well as the recent security incidents involving commercial vessels in the above-mentioned area, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration advises all Sierra Leonean vessels to avoid any operations within this area.
2. Ship Security level for all vessels transiting or operating within the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman is set to **Security Level 3**.
3. All Sierra Leonean vessels trading within the above-mentioned area shall comply with the below requirements:
 - a. A threat and risk assessment shall be conducted prior to entering the area. The Master and Company Security Officer (CSO) shall review and implement appropriate measures in accordance with the Ship Security Plan (SSP).
 - b. Closely monitor for deviations and failures of navigation and communication data due to disturbances.
 - c. Always report their position through AIS and LRIT. In case of a failure of AIS and/or LRIT equipment or when the Master considers that the equipment must be turned off for security reasons, the Administration shall be informed immediately.
 - d. VHF channel 16 must be monitored on a continuous basis.
 - e. Ensure that the fire-fighting equipment are in order and ready for use.
 - f. Access onboard is strict, controlled and limited to a single point.
4. In case of an incident, vessel must inform the Administration immediately and activate the Ship Security Alert System (SSAS).
5. The above enters into force on 03/03/2026.

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