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Circular Letter No.4854
14 March 2024

To: All IMO Member States
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of Yemen**

The Government of the Republic of Yemen has sent the attached communication, dated 12 March 2024, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



Embassy of the Republic of Yemen
London

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The Embassy of the Republic of Yemen presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization and extends its gratitude for forwarding a copy of the attached email. The email purporting to come from the so called Humanitarian Operations Coordination Centre (HOCC) and stating that it is affiliated to the Office of the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces in the Republic of Yemen has not been issued by the Government of the Republic of Yemen and does not represent the Yemen Government. HOCC is an illegitimate entity, not belonging to or representing the Government of the Republic of Yemen. The email has been sent by the Houthi militia and their piracy in the Red Sea.

The Government of the Republic of Yemen kindly requests the International Maritime Organization to inform all Member States and stakeholders in maritime entities to disregard any communication sent from HOCC and not to participate nor deal with this terrorist militia group.

The Embassy of the Republic of Yemen avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Maritime Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

LONDON, 12th March, 2024

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From: Director@hocc.gov.ye <Director@hocc.gov.ye>

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 6:40 PM

To: info <info@imo.org>

Cc: MHO@hocc.gov.ye; AHO@hocc.gov.ye; operations@hocc.gov.ye

Subject: Security and Safety of Navigation in Red sea, Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea

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To: Shipowners and Operators Associations/Shipping Chambers.

Subject: Security and Safety of Navigation in Red sea, Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea

This email is sent to you from Humanitarian Operations Coordination Center (HOCC), located in the Republic of Yemen – Sana'a.

***About HOCC:**

HOCC is a center affiliated to office of the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, in the Republic of Yemen, established with the aim of alleviating the human impacts and consequences in the theater of military operations (land, sea, and air), through neutralizing civilians, civilian objects and other humanitarian aspects.

***The purpose of this email:**

In the context of the Republic of Yemen's ongoing keenness for the security and safety of navigation in Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea, we clearly define for you the criteria for the scope of the ships ban, as follows:

- A. Ships owned wholly and/or partially by Israeli individuals or entities, and/or sailing under its flag.
- B. Ships managed and/or operated by Israeli individuals or entities.
- C. Ships heading to Israel ports.
- D. Ships owned by United States of America and/or United Kingdom individuals or entities, and/or sailing under their flags.

According to the above, considering that you are associations represent the interests of shipowners and operators, protect their rights, and provide support and advice in various areas including maritime safety, we would like to inform you that the ships owned and/or managed/operated by any companies, as long as none of the criteria (A and/or B, C, D) apply to them, are considered outside the scope of the ban.

Finally, we would like to inform you that HOCC has previously sent, and is currently sending and will continue to send this email to (Shipowners, Operators, P&I insurance Associations), and clarify that HOCC is always ready to respond to any inquiries or provide advice and guidance, as well as to participate in a joint team to perform the necessary operational coordination to ensure that ships

(outside the scope of the ban) are not targeted by Yemeni Armed Forces in Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea.

Do not hesitate to contact us via the following email: operations@hocc.gov.ye

Best regards,

Director of HOCC

Sana'a

February 21, 2024

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