



Maritime Circular No.50

To:

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

Subject:

Raise of Security Level in the ports and territorial waters of Israel

Date:

26th October 2023

Purpose

To inform all interested parties about the raise of Ship Security Level to level 3 for all vessel trading within the ports and territorial waters of Israel.

Application

1. Taking into consideration the latest updates with regards to the crisis occurred in the Eastern Mediterranean area and particularly in the ports and territorial waters of Israel, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration advises all Sierra Leonean vessels to avoid any operations within the ports and territorial waters of Israel.
2. Ship Security level for all vessels operating within the ports and territorial waters of Israel is set to **Security Level 3**.
3. All Sierra Leonean vessels trading within the ports and territorial waters of Israel shall comply with the below requirements:
 - a. Threat risk assessment to be conducted prior entering the territorial waters of Israel. Master and CSO shall review and take appropriate measures as per the Ship Security Plan.
 - 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 26/10/2023.

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