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**Advisory for vessel(s) transiting or navigating in/around Yemen waters**

The Yemeni conflict is an ongoing multi-sided civil war that began in late 2014 when Houthis took over the government. Many international interventions have tried to ensure peace in the country but have failed due to the complexity of the conflict. The UN-brokered nation-wide truce in Yemen, which was in effect since Apr 2022, has expired in Oct 2022.

2. The expiry of the UN-brokered truce resulted in posing a risk to merchant vessels in the Red Sea, Bab al Mandeb Strait, and Gulf of Aden. The risks include, but are not limited to, missiles, rockets, projectiles, mines, and small arms and pose a direct or collateral risk to the merchant vessels transiting in the area thereof. While some of the Yemen ports and terminals are closed and some are operational, with specific and special requirements being enforced at the time.

3. Given the current situation in Yemen, the overall security situation in the country is fragile. While the conflict is primarily land based, maritime security in certain coastal areas off Yemen and in the Southern Red Sea has been affected by the conflict and direct or collateral damage to merchant vessels operating in the region cannot be ruled out.

4. In view of the above, it is recommended that the Indian flag vessels, shall avoid Yemeni ports and its waters. Further, all RPS Agencies are advised to request the vessel owner(s) to avoid vessels with Indian crew on board, to transit such waters and areas.

5. In addition, all Indian flag vessels, and vessel with Indian crew members on board, which are transiting off such areas and waters thereof, are to do so with maximum possible safe distance, and with extreme caution, keeping the safety of personnel and vessel as paramount.

This is issued with approval of the Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

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To (through DGS website):

1. Indian Shipowners
2. RPS Agencies
3. INSA
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