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SETTING SECURITY LEVEL 3 (SL3) FOR VESSELS FLYING THE SAN MARINO FLAG WHILE NAVIGATING, BEING IN PORTS, AT ANCHOR OR BEING MOORED IN THE BLACK SEA AND SEA OF AZOV

- Considering the risks and escalating safety and security threats linked to the ongoing military operation affecting the entire area of Black Sea and Azov Sea;
- Following recent events involving San Marino-registered vessels in the Black Sea, the Administration reiterates to Shipowners and Companies to operate in full awareness of the risks associated with transit in the region. These include but are not limited to military operations, naval mines, missile strikes, drone attacks, seizure or detention of vessels, and other kinds of damages;
- Given that the war situation is constantly evolving, creating real difficulties in identifying safe areas for vessel navigation except for Turkish territorial waters;
- With reference to San Marino Security Bulletin SMBU - 2025-016 "Publication Best Management Practices (BMP) Maritime Security (MS) edition March 2025" dated 3rd April 2025
- Considering the provisions of the SOLAS Convention, chapter XI-2, regulation 3.1, and of the international Code for the Security of Ships and Port Facilities (ISPS Code), part A, section 4.1;
- taking into account the Marine Notice 2026-TEC-002, dated 14 January 2026, on the Safety and Security warnings concerning Military activities in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov, and consequent measures Companies must be adopted;

In accordance with law No. 120 on 2 August 2019, article 3.1 a), the Republic of San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority, issues the following Directive:

Art. 1

In accordance with regulation XI/3.1 of the SOLAS Convention and section A/4.1 of the ISPS Code, **Security Level 3** has been set for all vessels flying the San Marino flag while navigating, being in ports, at anchor or being moored in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov



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except the Turkish territorial Sea where the **Security level 2** must be precautionary adopted, for the aforesaid consideration

Art.2

The Administration strongly recommends that all San Marino-flagged vessels avoid transiting through the mentioned high-risk areas until further notice. Shipowners and Companies should carefully assess the necessity of any voyage to or through these areas and consider alternative routes wherever practicable;

Art. 3

Company Security Officers and Deputy Company Security Officers, are requested to immediately inform the Ship's Masters and acknowledge this Directive, as soon as possible.

The Directive 1/2023, dated 14 February 2023, on the same matter, shall be considered repiled

San Marino, 15 October 2026

On behalf of the SM MNA Director-General
Rear Admiral – Giovanni GRECO