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San Marino - SL3 in the Southern Red Sea (Part of) and the Gulf of Aden

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Notice to: Ship Owners / Companies / Managers / Operators / Masters / Auditors / CSOs / DCSOs

San Marino Ship Register (SMSR) issued DIRECTIVE No. 05/2026 SEC on 05 November 2026, setting Security Level 3 (SL3) for all San Marino-flagged vessels navigating, in port, at anchor or moored in the Southern Red Sea (part of), the Strait of Bab al Mandab, the Gulf of Aden, the Northwestern Indian Ocean including the Somali Coast and Socotra Island.

Given the increasing events of terrorist attacks and daily incidents of piracy—which significantly impact the security measures adopted by merchant vessels, particularly those highly vulnerable due to low cruising speed and low freeboard, Companies are urged to assess the risks associated with vessel operations in the affected areas and implement appropriate security measures in accordance with SOLAS Chapter XI-2, Regulation 3.1 the ISPS Code, the Directive No.06/2024-3.3 Sec. and Marine Notice No.06 and 07/2026 (Security).

The Administration strongly recommends that San Marino-flagged vessels avoid transiting these high-risk areas until further notice and consider alternative routes wherever practicable.

Act Now

Ship Owners / Companies / Managers / Operators / Masters / CSOs / DCSOs shall ensure that the Masters of affected vessels are promptly informed of the Directive and that the applicable security measures are implemented.

During each onboard audit of a vessel arriving from the Southern Red Sea (part of), the Strait of Bab al Mandab, the Gulf of Aden, and the Northwestern Indian Ocean including the Somali Coast and Socotra Island, DBS auditors shall verify, within

the scope of the audit, that the applicable security measures have been implemented in accordance with the required security level and the vessel's Ship Security Plan (SSP). Relevant records and supporting evidence shall be reviewed, as applicable.