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SHIP SECURITY ADVISORY No. 02-25

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Company Security Officers, Recognized Security Organizations

Subject: GEOPOLITICAL CONFLICT IN SYRIA

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1.0 Updates

- 1.1 The ship security level for Syrian ports and territorial waters has been reduced from **Security Level 3** to **Security Level 2**.
- 1.2 Contact information for regional military forces has been relocated to *Global Maritime Security Contacts* ([MARSEC-210](#)).

2.0 Advice

- 2.1 Due to the ongoing geopolitical conflict and uncertainty in Syria, including the recent overthrow of Syria's President by rebel forces and missile strikes on Syrian ports, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") advises that:
 - .1 the ship security level for all Syrian ports and territorial waters is set to **Security Level 2** (or equivalent security measures at port);
 - .2 the threat of collateral damage to merchant vessels has increased significantly;
 - .3 in the event of an incident or suspicious activity in the Eastern Mediterranean, RMI-flagged vessels should immediately notify the NATO Shipping Centre (NSC), the United States Coast Guard (USCG) National Response Center (NRC), and activate the Ship Security Alert System;
 - .4 any incident report submitted to NSC or USCG NRC should also be copied to the 6th Fleet Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) detachment and to the Administrator; and

This SSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.

- .5 RMI-flagged vessels are encouraged to participate in NSC’s Mediterranean Voluntary Reporting Scheme. Reporting entails contacting NSC when entering or departing the Mediterranean Sea and/or departing a port in the Mediterranean Sea. The preferred reporting method is provided online: [Mediterranean Reporting Scheme – Format A](#). Alternatively, the forms can be downloaded, filled in, and submitted by email to NSC.

3.0 Contact Information

- 3.1 Refer to *Global Maritime Security Contacts* ([MARSEC-210](#)).

Please direct any questions or concerns on this subject to marsec@register-iri.com.