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ADVISORY

Subject: Advisory for seafarers, RPS agents, employers / vessel-owners regarding calling on Iranian Ports in light of the Iran-Israel War - reg.

1. Due to the ongoing middle eastern conflict and the subsequent war which has erupted between Iran and Israel, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India has issued an advisory strongly recommending that Indian nationals shall avoid any non-essential traveling to Iran until further notice. This advisory also applies to seafarers, their employers, and ship owners who may be planning travel or indulge and associate in operations involving ports in Iran.

2. In light of the current war seafarers are advised not to sign on or off from any ports in Iran as the safety and security of our seafarers are of paramount interest. Employers are strongly encouraged to reschedule crew change processes to alternative ports in order to avoid any unforeseen consequences and safeguard the life and property. Any prior commitments and obligations with respect to crew changes in Iran should be immediately re-evaluated and postponed forthwith.

3. For the seafarers currently stationed in Iran, it is crucial to restrict movements and avoid unnecessary travel. Always stay informed about local conditions and be vigilant. Ensure that you remain in contact with the High Commission of India in Iran and keep them informed at all times of your movements.

4. Given the unpredictable situation, the vessel-owners and the vessel agents are also advised to avoid berthing vessels at ports in Iran, as far as possible and practicable to prevent any potential risks or uncertainties that could affect the safety and integrity of the vessel and its crew on board. Also, they are encouraged to consider alternative ports for loading / discharging operations and may also consider to reschedule the same till the situation ceases to exist to other ports or regions that are currently stable and safe for maritime activities.

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5. Vessel-owners, vessel managers and all concerned parties are further advised the following:

5.1 Ensure all crew members are briefed about the current advisory issued by MEA, Government of India, available in their website in following link:
(https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/38360/Travel+Advisory+for+Indian+nationals+regarding+Iran) and emphasise the importance of adhering to safety protocols.

5.2 Enhance security measures on board to prevent any unforeseen incidents including but not limited to maintaining a higher state of readiness, ensuring all security equipment is operational and safety drills be conducted thereof.

5.3. Regularly check for updates from the High Commission of India in Iran and other relevant authorities to be appraised of the situation at all times. Always have emergency contact numbers readily available and ensure that all crew members are aware of them.

5.4 By strictly adhering to this advisory, so as to collectively ensure the safety and well-being of our seafarers and seamless operation of maritime activities during this period of said civil unrest in Iran.

5.5 In case any further assistance is required, contact the High Commission of India in Tehran, Iran at the emergency numbers for any assistance:
Emergency Contact Numbers:
+989128109115;
+989128109109;
+989932179567;
+989932179359;
Email ID: cons.tehran@mea.gov.in;

5.6 The seafarers, NoK, RPS agents and vessel-owners and other concerned entities involved may contact the Directorate nodal officials / DG Comm in case of any queries or exigencies as per the contact details available in following link:
(https://www.dgshipping.gov.in/writereaddata/News/202405100132574984828ContactPointsforseafarers.pdf)

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