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Social Media Advisory


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**Subject: Social Media Advisory to Maritime Stakeholders and Seafarer Community –
reg.**

It has been observed that certain unverified reports regarding vessels operating in the Gulf Region and the Strait of Hormuz are being circulated across social media and messaging platforms.

2. The circulation of unconfirmed and speculative information is causing unnecessary anxiety and distress among seafarers and their families.
3. Responsible communication will help prevent misinformation, reduce panic among seafarers and their families, and maintain confidence within the maritime community during this sensitive period.
4. All maritime stakeholders, RPSL companies, shipping companies, unions and individuals are advised to exercise restraint and responsibility while sharing information related to maritime incidents or security developments in the region.
5. Stakeholders are also requested to refrain from forwarding or publishing unverified information and ensure that only authenticated updates from official sources and competent authorities are disseminated.
6. The Directorate General of Shipping continues to closely monitor the situation in coordination with relevant authorities and working together with stakeholders to ensure that only accurate and verified information reaches the seafarer community.

This advisory is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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