

# UKMTO ADVISORY

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### UKMTO ADVISORY – IMO-SUPPORTED EVACUATION PROCESS (STRAIT OF HORMUZ)

UKMTO is supporting an IMO-coordinated process to assist vessels currently operating within the Gulf region. The IMO is working with industry organisations, coastal states and regional partners to develop a prioritised approach to the safe and orderly movement of vessels. **This includes the IMO-led identification of vessels for potential phased departure and the provision of associated information to support decision-making.**

As part of this process, vessels may be contacted by UKMTO to be notified of their inclusion in an IMO planning batch and to highlight relevant published maritime guidance, including coastal state Notices to Mariners. All decisions regarding vessel movement, routing and timing remain the responsibility of the Master and owning company. Participation in this process is voluntary.

UKMTO will continue to act as a neutral information conduit, supporting the provision of timely and coherent information to the maritime community.

Operators are encouraged to:

- Maintain reporting to UKMTO in accordance with the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA)
- Monitor IMO communications and relevant coastal state guidance  
<https://www.imo.org/en/mediacentre/pressbriefings/pages/imo-accounces-evacuation-plan-in-strait-of-hormuz.aspx>
- Conduct appropriate risk assessments prior to any movement
- Refer to the latest JMIC guidance to support situational awareness

Further updates will be promulgated as the situation develops.



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