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Blockade Enforcement

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Areas of Concern:

Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, Arabian Sea

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Regional Threat Level: SEVERE

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JMIC is sharing information on the following page for the awareness of owners, operators, and mariners. Specifically, it details U.S. military blockade operations in the Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, and Arabian Sea (further U.S. NAVCENT information appended below).

Action: Vessels are encouraged to communicate with NAVCENT NCAGS m-ba-navcent-ncags@us.navy.mil for further information.

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BLOCKADE OF IRANIAN PORTS AND COASTLINES

The United States is enforcing a blockade of all Iranian ports and coastlines in response to Iran's continued aggression and illegal attempts to control the Strait of Hormuz in violation of International Law. This blockade applies to all vessels regardless of flag or ownership.

Neutral vessels, carrying neutral cargo or in ballast, between neutral ports in the Gulf of Oman and the Strait of Hormuz may be subject to questioning, visit, and search to confirm their intentions regarding the blockade. Due to the current geopolitical situation, vessels which do not need to transit the area are advised to remain well clear to avoid unnecessary delays to their voyage.

Neutral vessels should maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF CH16 and follow all directions from U.S. forces.

Vessels should be prepared to alter or stop their course / come DIW upon direction from U.S. forces and have the following documents ready for review on request, as applicable:

- **Port/Customs Clearance from LPOC**
- **Bill of Lading (if laden)**
- **Certificate of Registry**
- **Signed/stamped Letter of Appointment (not an email) from agent at NPOC**
- **Receipts or signed contracts for provisions, bunkers, spare parts, repairs, and/or crew change at NPOC**
- **Terminal/Port/Berth Booking Confirmation for NPOC**

All documents must be signed/ stamped and in PDF format.

Vessels transiting this area are advised to plan additional transit time to allow for increased traffic density and military blockade enforcement operations.

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