

HIGH-RISK ZONE TRANSIT & WAR RISK PREPAREDNESS

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Gulf & MENA High-Risk Corridors

Vessel Name:

IMO Number:

Master Name:

ETA Breach Point:

1. CONTRACTUAL, INSURANCE & REPORTING COMPLIANCE (PRE-TRANSIT)

☐	War Risk Insurance Breach Notice	Formal 7-day breach notice submitted to H&M and Cargo War Risk underwriters. Additional Premium (AP) rate confirmed.
☐	UKMTO / MSCHOA Registration	Vessel position registered with UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) and Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa. Daily report schedule established.
☐	Crew Danger Pay & Consent	ITF/IMEC war zone bonuses activated (+100% basic pay). Crew right-to-refuse verified and repatriation consents documented.

2. VESSEL HARDENING & PHYSICAL DEFENSE PROTOCOLS

☐	Razor Wire & Barrier Defense	Concertina razor wire deployed along low-freeboard areas, poop deck, and external ladders. Access points locked from inside.
☐	Bridge Protection & Armoring	Ballistic protection/Kevlar curtains deployed on bridge windows. Non-essential bridge electronics powered down to minimize thermal signature.
☐	Citadel Preparedness	Citadel tested: independent VHF/satellite phone, rations, water, emergency air filtration, and secondary engine kill-switch functioning.

3. NAVIGATION, CYBER & ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEFENSES

☐	AIS Policy Implementation	AIS configured according to military/flag state advice. Transponder muted/restricted only if imminent security threat dictates.
☐	GPS Spoofing / Interference Protocol	Secondary radar and visual plotting active. Parallel indexing established to detect GPS position offsets/jamming in real time.
☐	Operational Cyber Lockdown	Unnecessary Wi-Fi and satellite internet access restricted for non-essential personal devices to prevent position leakage.

4. ARMED SECURITY TEAM (PCASP) & EMERGENCY DRILLS

☐	Rules for the Use of Force (RUF)	Command structure clarified between Master and Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) team leader. RUF signed.
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Anti-Hostile Action Drill

Full crew drill conducted 24 hours prior to entering HRA: Citadel lockdown, emergency stop procedures, and medical response.

MASTER & SECURITY OFFICER SIGN-OFF

Master Signature: _____

Date / Time: _____

Ship Security Officer (SSO): _____

Date / Time: _____