

Joint Maritime Information Center

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Blockade Update – Humanitarian Shipment

Area of Concern:

Arabian Gulf – Strait of Hormuz – Gulf of Oman – Arabian Sea

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Regional Threat Level: **CRITICAL**

1. Procedures for Movement of Humanitarian Cargo to Blockaded Ports

JMIC is sharing information on the following pages for the awareness of owners, operators, and Mariners. Specifically, it details U.S. Navy procedures to gain clearance to pass through blockade enforcement when delivering humanitarian cargo.

The maritime security threat level in the SoH remains **CRITICAL** due to ongoing regional military operations. Mariners should expect increased naval presence, enhanced force protection postures, potential VHF hailing, and congestion near anchorage areas.

Masters should consider:

- Continuous monitoring of VHF Channel 16
- AIS transmission in accordance with company policy
- The proximity and dangers of any reported mines or threats along intended transit routes
- Reporting unusual activity to recognized reporting centers

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UPDATE

Blockade Update – Humanitarian Ship Vetting Process

JMIC is providing instructions specifically for ships carrying bulk food, medical supplies or other goods essential for survival of the civilian population destined for discharge in Iran.

The US Navy is currently enforcing a blockade for ALL ships, regardless of flag, destined for, or departing from any Iranian port. However, there is an exception for humanitarian shipments, as stated in the JMIC Advisory Note: 002-26 (published April 16, 2026). The US Navy has granted permission for transit of shipments through the blockade after thorough vetting.

This update lists the required information that ships, shippers, and operating companies must submit in order to request permission to cross the blockade area.

1. Ship Name (include previous ship name, if applicable)
2. Ship Contact Information (email, Captain phone, FBB, any other contact means)
3. IMO Number
4. Vessel Type
5. Flag
6. Ship location at time of request
7. Group Owner
8. Operator Name, Contact Information and Business Address
9. Last Port of Call
10. Load Port(s) where humanitarian cargo was loaded
11. Discharge Port location (Iranian Port)
12. Discharge Port planned arrival date
13. Cargo Description
14. Bill of Lading (all pages)

Email above information to NAVCENT NCAGS:

M-BA-NAVCENT-NCAGS@us.navy.mil

Please be aware that review and approval of requests will consider ship location and planned arrival date at discharge port at the discretion of the US Navy. Vessels approved to transit through the blockade remain subject to boarding and inspection.

An approval to pass through the blockade (either east or westbound), does not permit onload of ANY cargo outside of stores and fuel for a return voyage from an Iranian port. If violated, the ship will be subject to blockade enforcement action. **All ships are subject to monitoring to ensure compliance with the blockade.**