



# War in Iran – Strait of Hormuz – Operational Guidance

Barbados advise on vessels operating in the Strait of Hormuz between the Persian Gulf and Gulfs of Oman.

For clarity, under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the Strait of Hormuz is an international strait used for international navigation.

As such, vessels are entitled to the right of transit passage. Iran does not have the legal authority to unilaterally suspend or close the Strait to international navigation.

Accordingly, there is no prohibition on Barbadian-flagged vessels transiting the area. Notwithstanding the above legal position, the BMSR strongly advises that Owners, Managers and Masters conduct thorough risk assessments and consider avoiding the area where operationally feasible, in the interest of crew safety.

Should a vessel elect to transit the Strait, Managers and Operators shall be reminded to refer to:

**[Bulletin 030 – ISPS Code Rev 1.0](#)**

**[Bulletin 035 – Piracy and Armed Robbery Rev.2.0 \(refer in particular to Section 11 for recognised reporting centres\)](#)**

At this stage, the BMSR does not consider it necessary to issue a specific Marine Circular.

The situation will be continued to be monitored carefully.