

The Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb, and the Gulf of Aden

The Danish Defence Command has continuously monitored and assessed the situation in the Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb, and the Gulf of Aden, and there have been no significant changes in the area for maritime traffic since the most recent OXXO message issued in March 2024. The Danish Defence Command therefore recommends maintaining MARSEC 2 and MARSEC 3 for the mentioned areas.

Due to the current security situation related to the Houthi movement in Yemen, the Danish ISPS Coordination Committee hereby maintains the MARSEC 2 and MARSEC 3 areas already in effect in the southern Red Sea, Bab el-Mandeb, and the western part of the Gulf of Aden. The MARSEC 2 and MARSEC 3 areas are defined as follows:

MARSEC 2: Area south of the 19th northern latitude in the Red Sea.

MARSEC 3: Area south of the 17th northern latitude in the Red Sea through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait to the 47th eastern longitude in the Gulf of Aden.

MARSEC 3: Within Yemeni territorial waters.

MARSEC 2: Area west of the 51st eastern longitude in the Gulf of Aden. Ports in the mentioned MARSEC areas that lie outside Yemeni territory are not included in the MARSEC security levels. For local security levels in each port, please contact local as well as international authorities and agencies.

All ships should observe best management practices in the area and sail as far from the coast of Yemen as possible.

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The Danish Maritime Assistance Service will forward any inquiries to the relevant Danish authority.