

# United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations



## Weekly Report: 5 - 11 Dec 2021

1. As announced at the MIEVOM, Lt Cdr Sam Yee will be leaving UKMTO (Dubai) at the end of this year. His relief will be Lt Cdr Dougie Bell who arrives in January.
2. We were delighted to host Lt Col Shelly Woodman and WO Paul Fisher to the office earlier this week as they make preparations for the New Zealand International Liaison Officer joining the team for a period of three months in January next year.

## Warnings, Advisories and Notices

Please see below a list of all recent and extant UKMTO warnings, advisories and notices. Full details can be found on the website [UKMTO](http://UKMTO). UKMTO is not responsible for the accuracy of this reporting.

Warnings		
No Warnings were issued this week.		

Advisories		
Number	Category	Remarks
No Advisories were issued this week.		

Notices		
Number	Category	Remarks
008/FEB/2021	<a href="#">Transiting the Strait of Hormuz</a>	In force until further notice
006/NOV/2021	<a href="#">Military Exercise</a>	311800UTCDEC21

For further information or queries regarding UKMTO warnings, advisories or notices call: +44 2392 222060.

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## Open Source Media Articles

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### **a. Combined Task Force seizes hundreds of kilos of illegal drugs in the Indian Ocean**

Combined Task Force (CTF) 150 has seized more than \$189 million worth of illegal drugs (at regional wholesale prices) during counter-narcotics operations at sea in 2021. The drugs seized this year have a higher total value than the amount of drugs the task force interdicted in the previous four years combined.

11 Dec 21 - Radio New Zealand: <https://bit.ly/3s16PGb>

9 Dec 21 - CMF: <https://bit.ly/3oJNg32>

9 Dec 21 - Arab News: <https://bit.ly/33jfbYH>

### **b. IMO Assembly Adopts Amendments to Expand Council to 52 Member States**

The International Maritime Organization's highest governing body, the IMO Assembly, has adopted new amendments to expand the size of IMO Council, which is the executive organ responsible for supervising the work of the IMO. In addition to expanding the size of the Council from 40 to 52, the adopted amendments to the IMO Convention will extend the term of its Members and recognize three additional language texts as authentic versions of the IMO Convention.

9 Dec 21 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/31N0xPq>

### **c. First Look at Maersk's New Green Methanol-Powered Containerships**

Shipping giant Maersk has unveiled its design for a series of eight 'carbon-neutral' methanol-powered ultra-large containerships currently on order. The 16,000 TEU capacity ships will be built by Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI) with delivery planned in the first quarter of 2024. The vessels, measuring 350 meters long and 53.5 meters wide, will come with a dual fuel engine setup that will enable operation on carbon-neutral green methanol as well as conventional low Sulphur fuel.

8 Dec 21 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/3dB2iSr>

### **d. Shipping Alliances Drop Hundreds of Asia-North Europe Port Calls Due to Congestion**

Nearly a quarter of the scheduled port calls of Asia-North Europe alliance loops were omitted in the past five months, according to an Alphaliner survey. The consultant found the three alliances had cancelled 383 calls during the period, attributed to port congestion, throwing the supply chains of thousands of shippers into disarray.

8 Dec 21 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/3EU7WLi>

### **e. Vaccination offered to all seafarers on Panama-flagged vessels**

Panama President Laurentino Cortizo has announced all seafarers aboard Panama-flagged vessels will be able to be vaccinated when they dock in Panama regardless of their nationality. The seafarers willing to receive the vaccine AstraZeneca, will need only to coordinate through the company's local agent local in Panama who will inform the Panama Maritime Authority and the Ministry of Health.

6 Dec 21 - Seatrade Maritime News: <https://bit.ly/3EO1Qwh>

### **f. Decarbonization of the Shipping Industry**

Decarbonization is an issue that is currently affecting shipping, and it will shape the course of the industry for generations to come. The industry has to decide how they will address these future regulations, whether they implement new technologies, switch to new fuel sources, and/ or change operational methods. Many have serious concerns regarding this, but some key stakeholders see this as an opportunity to transform our maritime industry along the lines of environmental sustainability, paving the way for a future of zero emission vessels for international shipping.

4 Dec 21 - gCaptain: <https://bit.ly/3GAV7Gh>

## Engagement and Visits

We were visited by the New Zealand Defence Force based in Dubai, Lt Col Shelly Woodman and WO Paul Fisher on Monday 6 December.

To contact our Dubai office, arrange a visit or request a briefing please contact Lt Cdr Sam Yee by telephone: +971 (0)501 898 389 or email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

## Maritime Security Briefs

Company Security Officers and Masters wishing to receive the latest regional maritime security brief should contact Lt Cdr Sam Yee email: [dubai-oic@ukmto.org](mailto:dubai-oic@ukmto.org)

No vessels were briefed this week.

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## Additional Sources of Information

[United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations \(UKMTO\)](#)

[Maritime Security Centre Horn of Africa \(MSCHOA\)](#)

[International Maritime Security Construct \(IMSC\)](#)

[International Maritime Bureau \(IMB\) Live Piracy Reports](#)

[United States Dept of Transportation Maritime Administration](#)

[Combined Maritime Forces \(CMF\)](#)

[Maritime Global Security](#)

[Oil Companies International Marine Forum \(OCIMF\)](#)

[Middle East Navigation Aids Service \(MENAS\)](#)

[United Kingdom Hydrographic Office](#)