Exposure Screening Checklist

RED SEA AND GULF OF ADEN

Companion resource to *Houthi Blockade and the Bab el-Mandeb: Red Sea Shipping Threat Assessment and Outlook (September 2026)*. For chartering and operations desks considering a voyage through the Red Sea or Gulf of Aden. A "yes" in the first group places the voyage in a higher exposure category; see the main assessment's Exposure A–E framework for what follows from that.

Houthi Target Criteria

- Is the vessel Saudi-flagged, Saudi-owned, or managed or chartered by a Saudi entity (including Bahri and Aramco Trading)?
- Will it load or discharge at a Saudi Red Sea port on this voyage?
- Has it done so in the last 12 months, and is that visible in public data?
- Is any cargo of Saudi origin, including cargo loaded from SUMED or Sidi Kerir?
- Will it call at Aden, Mukalla or another Yemeni government-held port, or has it recently?
- Does any vessel in the same group or fleet trade with Saudi Arabia or the Yemeni government?
- Does the vessel, owner, manager or group have Israeli, US or UK associations, or a record of Israeli port calls?
- Do public databases show outdated ownership or management linking the vessel to any of the above?

Vulnerability

- Is the vessel slow, low-freeboard or lightly protected?
- Is the voyage predictable from public schedules?
- Has the crew been consulted under IBF terms?
- Is there a procedure for authenticating diversion orders?
- Has the vessel registered with UKMTO, and has close protection been requested where available?

Cover and Contract

- Is hull war cover confirmed for this voyage, at what additional premium, and on what warranties?
- If chartered, is charterers' war liability cover in place, or bought back, south of 25°30'N?

- Do the charter party's war-risk, deviation and additional-premium clauses allocate costs and routing decisions clearly?
- Is there a pre-agreed Cape contingency?
- Has the company taken a position on payment demands, with legal advice?

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