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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION & THEIR INTERMEDIARIES

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Dear Member:

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CLUB BY E-MAIL

The rate of change in the world of waterborne transport has never been greater. This is especially so in regard to safety, loss prevention and the regulatory climate in which the global shipping community must nowadays operate.

At the same time, the efficiencies of modern communications have greatly enhanced the Club's ability to disseminate information relevant to the business environment surrounding its Members. Concomitantly, the expansion of management resources has also increased the Club's capacity extend its outreach as never before.

At present, most of the Club's communications take the form of Circulars and Member Alerts posted on its website. In order to provide even more immediate contact from the Club, it has been decided to offer direct sendings of Circulars and Member Alerts via e-mail to Members and their intermediaries. With regard to Member Alerts, it is imperative to distribute loss prevention related material to Members as soon as possible. Therefore, it is our intention that these be distributed to Members directly by e-mail in addition to being posted on our website. Please find attached our latest Member Alert.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Circular is to ask that Members and their intermediaries, **as soon as possible**, send details of the e-mail addresses to which bulletins from the Club on P&I-related matters of significance affecting their business should be sent.

These e-mail addresses should be directed to Ms. Vicki Paradise who will be responsible for collating them here in New York and ensuring that, in future, the most immediate circulation of news items is achieved throughout the membership. You can respond either by e-mail providing us with your preferred e-mail address(es) or by filling out the attached sheet and returning it directly to us as soon as possible. If sent by e-mail, please address it to Ms. Vicki Paradise at paradise@american-club.net.

Members and their intermediaries – who are, of course, also receiving a copy of this Circular – are urged to supply the relevant information as soon as they can in order that the new procedures can be put into effect at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E.M. Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Joseph E.M. Hughes, Chairman & CEO
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Member's Name: _____

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U.S. HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION BULLETIN - TACTICS & TECHNIQUES OF SUICIDE/HOMICIDE BOMBERS

Maritime security is a concern for all shipowners and operators worldwide. On September 12, 2003, the United States Coast Guard issued this homeland security information bulletin. Please recognize that this advice is useful both within the U.S. and internationally.

1.0 Introduction

Coast Guard Area, District, and Field Units are strongly encouraged to advise law enforcement agencies, port security committee stakeholders, and maritime industry partners of the contents of this homeland security information bulletin. The plain text version of this bulletin from DHS, which is suitable for distribution to area maritime security committee (PSC) members and maritime stakeholders, is available for downloading at the G-MP web page: [HTTP://CGWEB.COMDT.USCG.MIL/G-MP/NEWS.HTM](http://CGWEB.COMDT.USCG.MIL/G-MP/NEWS.HTM)

2.0 Overview

- A. This is a coordinated Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) information bulletin. Information bulletins are informational in nature and are designed to provide updates on the training, tactics, or strategies of terrorists. The following information is meant to advise owners of public venues of terrorist capabilities to recruit and employ suicide bombers. Occurrences of such incidents overseas indicate terrorist interest in conducting suicide operations. Reasons for this interest include the relative ease with which these operations can be conducted and executed; and the psychological impact on a population, and disruption at the scene of the event.

3.0 Details

- A. While there is no specific profile for those who have engaged in suicide/homicide bombings, males aged 16-50, seem to dominate. Females are also known to conduct suicide/homicide bombings. The effectiveness of a suicide/homicide bombing attack is largely dependent on how well it is executed rather than the characteristics of the device itself.
- B. Terrorists will employ novel methods to artfully conceal suicide devices. The devices may be concealed in jackets, shoes, belts, vests, gym bags, and briefcases. Additionally, the potential for terrorists to employ multiple suicide/homicide bombers in which the first attack is designed to cause casualties and draw first responders to the scene specifically to expose them to a suicide/bomber attack cannot be discounted.

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6.0 Indicative behaviors of suicide bombers

- A. Clothing is out of sync with the weather.
- B. Clothing is loose. Clothing gives impression that body is disproportionately larger than head or feet.
- C. Suspect may be carrying heavy luggage, bag or wearing a backpack.
- D. Pale face from recent shaving of beard.
- E. Eyes appear to be focused and vigilant.
- F. No response to authoritative voice commands or direct salutations from a distance.
- G. Behavior is consistent with no future, e.g. individual purchases a one-way ticket or is unconcerned about receipts for purchases or, or receiving change.
- H. Suspect is walking with deliberation but not running.

7.0 Contacts

The DHS encourages recipients of this information bulletin to report information concerning suspicious or criminal activity to local law enforcement, local FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, or the Homeland Security Operations Center (HSOC). The HSOC may be contacted at: phone: (202) 282-8101.

8.0 Updates

The DHS intends to update this information bulletin should it receive additional relevant information, including information provided to it by the user community. Based on this notification, no change to the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) level is anticipated, the current HSAS level is YELLOW.

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