

BULK CARRIER STRUCK BY A MISSILE OFFSHORE ROMANIA

We have been advised by Ambrey, a maritime risk management company, that a bulk carrier was struck by a missile off the coast of Romania.

Following the missile attack on a commercial vessel in the Black Sea, Ambrey has issued a threat circular.

As a summary, on 11 September, a missile struck the Saint Kitts and Nevis-flagged bulk carrier AYA while it was en route from Ukraine to Turkey. At the time of the attack, the vessel was within the Romanian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). This incident marks the first direct missile attack on a merchant vessel in the Black Sea since November 2023 and is also the first instance of non-sea mine-related physical damage to a merchant vessel outside the Black Sea Joint War Committee Listed Area (JWLA). In light of these events, vessels transiting the Black Sea are advised to conduct comprehensive dynamic voyage risk assessments.

If you have any questions regarding this report and the information it includes, please contact Ambrey at intelligence@ambrey.com or +44 203 503 0320.

The information provided is for guidance only, in particular noting that security situations can change at short notice. Therefore, it is important that Members continue to monitor the current situation closely and always contact their local agent/representative for the latest update prior to arriving in the area. Obtaining advice from the flag state is also recommended.

Furthermore, we would also like to draw attention to the Club's <u>Guidance on Operating in Areas with Ongoing Geopolitical Tensions or Conflicts</u> and the <u>Onboard Security</u> section of its BSafe campaign, which provides general information for our Members operating in areas with an increased security threat.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please do not hesitate to email lossprevention@tindallriley.com

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