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The situation in and around the Strait of Hormuz remains highly uncertain. After a period in which temporary opportunities for safe passage emerged under the previously concluded MoU between the United States and Iran, tensions have recently risen sharply again. Several Dutch-flagged vessels have been able to transit the Strait of Hormuz safely in recent weeks.

"For us as Dutch shipowners, the safety of our vessels and their crews remains paramount. Although the route could again be used for some time, recent developments mean that the situation is once more being monitored very closely. It is of great importance that the freedom of navigation is safeguarded and that international trade routes do not come under further pressure. Only sustainable de-escalation can ensure that ships can operate safely and that international passage is structurally restored." – Annet Koster, Managing Director of the Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners (KVNR).

The KVNR is also following the news about possible charges for the use of the Strait of Hormuz. President Trump has announced that the United States would seek a fee amounting to 20% of the cargo value in exchange for providing security in this shipping lane. The details of this "security fee," however, are still lacking. The KVNR does not wish to get ahead of developments without knowing those details. The association does emphasize that such measures create additional uncertainty for international shipping and undermine the principle of free passage (Mare Liberum).

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