



## **MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE**

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### **NOTICE TO SHIP OWNERS, MANAGERS, OPERATORS, SHIPPING AGENTS, MANNING AGENTS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS**

#### **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO DETER PIRACY IN THE GULF OF ADEN AND OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA (MSC.1/Circ. 1337)**

Attention of Masters, Officers, Ship owners, Managers and Operators have been drawn towards the Best Management Practice (BMP) to Deter Piracy in the Gulf of Aden (GOA) and off the Coast of Somalia.

The revised BMP is now available in the form of MSC.1/Circ 1337 (**Annex A**). Copies of this revised BMP should be placed on board to assist the crew in handling piracy incidents. Ship owners, managers and operators of Sri Lanka registered vessels are advised to instruct their shipmasters to be familiar with the BMP, and continue to remain vigilant when passing through the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia.

The revised BMP has defined a region of **High Risk Area** where piracy attacks have taken place. This is an **area bounded by Suez to the North, 10°S and 78°E**. Given the possibility of pirate attacks occurring beyond the Eastern and Southern edges of this High Risk Area, latest advice from the Maritime Security Centre - Horn of Africa (MSCHOA) on the extent of pirate activity could be sought through the contacts provided in Annex A of the BMP.

Masters are encouraged to sail within the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC) when passing through the Gulf of Aden, and are also encouraged to make use of the "Group Transit" scheme within the IRTC which is coordinated by MSCHOA.

Owners and Masters of Sri Lankan ships are also encouraged to conduct the necessary reporting to the UK Royal Maritime Trade Organisation (UKMTO) and MSCHOA:

- a. UKMTO, when entering the voluntary reporting area with the following reference points:
- Suez for vessels entering or leaving the Gulf of Aden via the Red Sea
  - Latitude 10°S for ships entering or leaving the Indian Ocean
  - Longitude 78°E for ships entering or leaving the Indian Ocean

This reporting is to be done by forwarding the completed “UKMTO Vessel Position Reporting Form” (found in Annex B of the BMP) to UKMTO.

- b. MSCHOA, 4-5 days before the vessel enters the IRTC. A ‘Vessel Movement Registration Form’ to be submitted to MSCHOA either on line, by email or by fax.
- c. Contact Details. The contact details of UKMTO and MSCHOA are:
- UKMTO**  
Email: [UKMTO@eim.ae](mailto:UKMTO@eim.ae)  
Telephone: +971 50 552 3215
  - MSCHOA**  
Via Website for reporting: [www.mschoa.org](http://www.mschoa.org)  
Telephone: +44 (0) 1923 958545  
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