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Applicable to: Ship owners, managers, operators, masters, crew of Singapore ships and the Shipping Community.

This circular informs the shipping community of further guidance and advice on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and sea robberies on ships that have been recently promulgated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (VERSION 3) TO DETER PIRACY IN THE GULF OF ADEN AND OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA (MSC.1/Circ. 1337)

1. In our [Shipping Circular No. 30 of 2009](#), attention of ship owners 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. Please note that the BMP disseminated in our [Shipping Circular No. 30 of 2009](#) had been revised. The revised BMP (version 3) is now available in the form of MSC.1/Circ 1337 (**Annex A**). Copies of this revised BMP (version 3) should be placed on board to assist the crew in handling piracy incidents. Ship owners, managers and operators of Singapore-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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. Owners and Masters of Singapore 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:

- i. Suez for vessels entering or leaving the Gulf of Aden via the Red Sea
- ii. Latitude 10°S for ships entering or leaving the Indian Ocean
- iii. 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:

i. **UKMTO**

Email: UKMTO@eim.ae
Telephone: +971 50 552 3215

ii. **MSCHOA**

Via Website for reporting: www.mschoa.org
Telephone: +44 (0) 1923 958545
Fax: +44 (0) 1923 958520
Email: postmaster@mschoa.org

5. Any queries relating to this shipping circular should be directed to Mr. Wong Kai Cheong, Assistant Director (Registry and Manning), MPA, via Tel: (65) 6375 6236, Fax: (65) 6375 6231, or to the Ship Registry dedicated contact via email: marine@mpa.gov.sg and tel: +65 6375 1932.

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Annex A - MSC.1/Circ.1337