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PIRACY IN THE GULF OF ADEN AND IN THE INDIAN OCEAN NEAR THE COAST OF SOMALIA

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

This circular brings the attention of the Shipping Community to earlier advisories that were promulgated regarding precautionary measures and guidance on ships passing through the Gulf of Aden and through the Indian Ocean near the Coast of Somalia.

1 In our **shipping circular no. 23 of 2009**, attention of ship owners and operators have been drawn towards the Best Management Practice to Deter Piracy in the Gulf of Aden (GOA) and off the Coast of Somalia (BMP). Please note that the BMP disseminated in our shipping circular no. 23 of 2009 had been revised. The revised BMP is now available in the form of [MSC.1/Circ 1335 \(Annex A\)](#). Copies of this revised BMP should be placed on board to assist the crew in handling piracy incidents. Ship owners, managers and operators of 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 In our **shipping circular no. 14 of 2009**, we have provided an alert on the noticeable increase in the number of pirate attacks off the east coast of Somalia apart from piracy attacks within the Gulf of Aden.

3 The shipping community is urged to take note of the above shipping circulars when passing through the areas off the east coast of Somalia and in the Gulf of Aden. Masters of Singapore ships should also exercise extra vigilance when passing through these areas. Owners and Masters of Singapore ships should also conduct the necessary reporting to the UK Royal Maritime Trade Organisation (UKMTO) and Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA):

a. UKMTO, when entering the reporting area when passing the following reference points:

- i. Suez for vessels entering or leaving the Gulf of Aden via the Red Sea
- ii. Latitude 5°S for ships entering or leaving the Indian Ocean
- iii. Longitude 78°E for ships entering or leaving the Indian Ocean

This reporting is done through email: ukmto@eim.ae or fax: +971 4 306 5710.

b. MSCHOA, if their ships are transiting:

- i. between Point A : 11 50N 045 00E and Point B : 14 28N 053 00E;
or
- ii. through the Indian Ocean, bounded within the area 12N, 58E and the Eastern Coast of Somalia.

This registration is done through the accessing following URL link on the MSCHOA website (<http://www.mschoa.eu/secure/MovementsForm.aspx>).

4 Any queries relating to this shipping circular should be directed to Mr Wong Kai Cheong, Assistant Director (Registry and Manning), MPA, on Tel: (65) 6375 6236, Fax: (65) 6375 6231.

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