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Maritime Circular to Maritime Registrars, Shipowners, Masters, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts & Nevis Ships, Classification Societies, Recognised Organisations, Recognised Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this Administration, Seafarers & IMO Member States

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PORT SECURITY, PASSAGE PLANNING AND PIRACY

St. Kitts & Nevis requires notification of security threats or incident. We take these to be as follows: bomb threat, threat of use of force, hijack, terrorist attack, piracy or any incident where firearms are involved.

Security details of ports can be found on IMO's "Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS)" - <http://gisis.imo.org/Public/>

When preparing the passage plan or during the process of the voyage, the CSO, Master & Ship Security Officer should take into account any security information/advice received e.g. from our Administration, the International Maritime Bureau Piracy Reporting Centre (<http://www.icc-ccs.org/prc/overview.php>), International Maritime Organisation or Regional Security Centres

Areas of high maritime security risk identified should be avoided as much as possible. If the areas cannot be avoided, CSO, Master/SSO should ensure enhancement of onboard security measures in order to minimize any security risk identified.

Shipowners, Managers & Masters should take note of and implement where appropriate, the advice and information contained in the IMO Circulars about Piracy which can be downloaded from the IMO website <http://www.imo.org>.

If a ship is sailing off the coast of Somalia, the western Indian Ocean and seas close to these areas shipowners, ship operators and managers, shipping companies and shipmasters should:

- accept the advice of the Maritime Security Centre, Horn of Africa (www.mschoa.org) and International Chamber of Shipping (www.marisec.org);
- register the intended movement of their ship with MSCHOA via the website www.mschoa.org;
- report the navigation route of their ship to the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) Dubai, when navigating through the Gulf of Aden and/or the Western Indian Ocean;
- take prompt action in response to any alerts or guidance issued by: MSCHOA, UKMTO Dubai, Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO) Bahrain, the International Maritime Bureau Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC), ALINDIEN (Tel: +33 (0) 4 83 16 10 97 - alindien@free.fr)

or any coastal State authority in the region so as to minimize the risk of attack; and

- report any attacks or suspected pirate activity to UKMTO Dubai (Tel: +97 1505523215 - ukmto@eim.ae) or IMB PRC (Tel: +60 320310014 - imbkl@icc-ccs.org / piracy@icc-ccs.org) immediately, with further reports to MSCHOA (opscentre@mschoa.org) and the regional Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre as soon as possible.

Yours truly,



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