

## **TO THE MEMBERS**

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Dear Sirs

### **GULF OF ADEN, INDIAN OCEAN & RED SEA – Voluntary Reporting Scheme**

Some Members will already be aware of the UK Royal Navy's Maritime Trade Organisation ("UKMTO"). **UKMTO works closely with coalition forces and is available to provide support to shipping of any flag or ownership.**

UKMTO operates a reporting scheme, covering the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean north of 5S as well as the Arabian Gulf. It invites ships to report to the UKMTO team in Dubai on passing the following reference points:

- **Suez for vessels entering or leaving the Region via the Red Sea**
- **10S or 78E for ships entering or leaving the Region via the Indian Ocean**

Members will be aware that the Association's Additional Premium areas will change with effect from 1 January 2010 (see Circular C6/2009).

The existing Additional Premium area of the Indian Ocean has been amended to:-

**Indian Ocean, the area beyond the Gulf of Aden and Somalia Transit areas out to 65°E, south of latitude 15°N with the southern boundary being 11°S but at 49°E, the boundary shall extend due south then east along the latitude 12°S, but excluding the coastal waters of Mozambique, Kenya and Tanzania up to 12 nautical miles offshore.**

As ships are increasingly being attacked at greater distances from the Somali coast and Gulf of Aden, it is more important than ever for reports of ships' movements to be made to UKMTO.

The initial report should contain the following information:

- Ship Name
- International Radio Call Sign (IRCS)
- Flag
- IMO number
- Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI)
- Inmarsat telephone number including satellite prefix
- Telex and fax number
- Email address
- Company having day-to-day management
- Type of Ship
- Current position and speed
- Itinerary in the region with route way points and destination port(s)

Subsequently, ships are asked to report:

- their noon positions and speed
- actual departure times
- estimated arrival times at ports and destination when outward bound from the defined area.

All timings are requested in UTC and the preferred method of communication is e-mail.

UKMTO's contact details are as follows:

E-mail: [ukmtodubai@eim.ae](mailto:ukmtodubai@eim.ae)  
Telephone: +971 50 552 3215 or +971 50 552 6007  
Fax: +971 4 306 5710  
Telex: (51) 210473

Any information provided is treated in strict commercial confidence and is only used within coalition military circles. Naval assets in the region and Northwood Headquarters in the UK are kept advised.

In the event of an incident, UKMTO will generally contact other ships who appear to be in the vicinity to warn them. Providing updates in the form of the information requested at the top of the page will make it simpler for UKMTO to make contact with a ship if necessary. UKMTO is also able to provide further advice and guidance if required.

The Association **strongly recommends** that Members take advantage of this facility.

Members should also register the ship with Maritime Security Centre - Horn of Africa (MSC-HOA).

**MSC-HOA**

Via Website for reporting

[www.mschoa.org](http://www.mschoa.org)

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Members are also referred to the Best Management Practices to deter Piracy in the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia document which can be found on the Association's website under Latest News. The Association strongly recommends that this guidance also be adopted by Members.

Yours faithfully

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