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Circular no.: 0050C/TG/12/20

Subject: Maritime Security of Vessels & Mariners Operating Off the Coast of West Africa including the Gulf of Guinea.

To: Ship-owners / Operators, Managers, Representatives of Togo flagged vessels, Deputy Registrars, Masters, Seafarers, and Recognized Organizations.

Scope: This Merchant Marine Circular aims to help the interested parties of the shipping industry to mitigate external threats to their safety while operating in and around the coast of West Africa, including the Gulf of Guinea.

References:

- a. IMO/Resolution A.1069(28) / 29.11.2013 _ PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF PIRACY, ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS AND ILLICIT MARITIME ACTIVITY IN THE GULF OF GUINEA
- b. Code of Conduct concerning the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships, and illicit maritime activity in west and central Africa.
- c. IMO/MSC.1/Circ.1601 / 8 December 2018 _ REVISED INDUSTRY COUNTER PIRACY GUIDANCE
- d. Industry Associations Report "Best Management Practices to Enhance Maritime Security for Vessels & Mariners Operating Off the Coast of West Africa including the Gulf of Guinea (BMP WA)".

General

- TMA supported by government and military competent organizations, has produced this new circular to Enhance Maritime Security for Vessels & Mariners Operating Off the Coast of West Africa including the Gulf of Guinea for specific threats in this region.
- The Code of Conduct concerning the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships, and illicit maritime activity in west and central Africa was formally adopted by a Heads of State meeting in Cameroon's capital Yaoundé, on 25 June 2013, and was signed by ministerial level representatives of 22 States immediately afterwards. The Code builds on the existing Memorandum of Understanding on the integrated coastguard function network in west and central Africa and incorporates a number of elements of the Djibouti Code of Conduct, the regional counter-piracy agreement for East African States, but is much wider in scope as it addresses a range of illicit activities at sea including illegal fishing, drug smuggling and piracy.
- This circular contains useful contact details and information sharing in West and Central Africa for ships on threat, risk, under attack, search and rescue purposes.
- Considering that attacks in the Gulf of Guinea continue to threaten the lives of seafarers, especially at a time when the global shipping community has also to fend off the threat from COVID-19, this circular contributes to Togo's firm commitment to the safety and welfare of the men and women on board vessels.
- The International Ships Registry of TOGO strongly urges all interested parties to apply to the extent possible the recommended action while sailing in the defined High-Risk Area. All parties associated with the International Ships Register of TOGO and in particular owners, operators and managers of ships entitled to fly the TOGO flag, as well as the shipboard personnel employed or engaged on such ships, are invited to act accordingly. *At*



Definitions

Hijack: Unauthorized persons have illegally boarded the ship and taken control of the vessel against the will of the Master and crew. **Illegal Boarding:** An illegal boarding is where the attackers have boarded the ship but have not taken control of the vessel. **Attempted Boarding:** Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat, but are thwarted by BMP measures, PAST, weather conditions, lack of appropriate equipment, etc. **Attack:** The ship has been subjected to an aggressive approach by unidentified craft and weapons have been discharged. **Suspicious approach:** Definite alteration towards the ship, rapid increase in speed which cannot be accounted for in the prevailing conditions. Sudden changes in course towards ship and aggressive behavior. **Robbery:** Theft realized in territorial waters with threat/violence to crew. **Theft:** Theft realized in territorial waters with no violence. **Sightings and Irregular Activity:** Suspicious activity not associated with the locality or prevailing conditions. **Piracy:** Article 101 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) determines that Piracy consists of any of the following acts: (a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed: (i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft; (ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State; (b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft; (c) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b). **Armed Robbery against ships:** Resolution A.1025(26) (Annex, paragraph 2.2) on IMO's Code of Practice for the Investigation of the Crimes of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships, determines that armed robbery against ships consists of any of the following acts: (a) any illegal act of violence or detention or any act of depredation, or threat thereof, other than an act of piracy, committed for private ends and directed against a ship or against persons or property on board such a ship, within a State's internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea; (b) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described above."

Information

- Masters and CSOs are encouraged to report as early as possible, events or sightings with as much detail as possible to below local and regional centers and Authorities to give them time to initiate the appropriate response.
- Masters are encouraged to apply Best Management Practices to Enhance Maritime Security for Vessels & Mariners Operating Off the Coast of West Africa including the Gulf of Guinea (BMP WA) during their presence in the above Area.
- Shipowners and ship operators, shipmasters and crews are encouraged to take also into account the guidance provided in respective IMO resolutions on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships. *41*



N°	Libellés des centres de sécurité/ Names of security centers	Point de contact local / Local point of contact
01	Point de contact pour les alertes de sécurité des navires / Point of contact for vessel safety alerts	<p>Direction des affaires maritimes / Directorate of Maritime Affairs Monsieur Matchonnawè BAKAI Adresse : Zone portuaire, Lomé, 01B.P: 4771 Téléphone : (+228) 90097494 / 92851764 / 70435224 Email : dam@maritime.gouv.tg matchonnawe.bakai@maritime.gouv.tg</p>
		<p>Marine nationale / Navy Captain BABATE Téléphone : (+228) 90 01 96 15 Capitaine TRIMUA Téléphone : (+228) 90 15 96 01 Email : base.marine@yahoo.com</p>
02	Point de contact pour les questions de piraterie / Point of contact for piracy issues	<p>Préfecture maritime / Maritime Prefecture Captain Neyo TAKOUGNADI Téléphone : (+228) 90 04 32 50 Email : premartogo@gmail.com</p>
03	Point de contact pour les accidents et incidents de mer / Point of contact for marine accidents and incidents	<p>Direction des affaires maritimes / Directorate of Maritime Affairs Monsieur Matchonnawè BAKAI Adresse : Zone portuaire, Lomé, 01B.P: 4771 Téléphone : (+228) 90097494 / 92851764 / 70435224 Email : dam@maritime.gouv.tg matchonnawe.bakai@maritime.gouv.tg</p>
04	Recherches et sauvetage maritime/ Maritime search and rescue coordination	<p>Direction des affaires maritimes / Directorate of Maritime Affairs Monsieur Matchonnawè BAKAI Adresse : Zone portuaire, Lomé, 01B.P: 4771 Téléphone : (+228) 90097494 / 92851764 / 70435224 Email : dam@maritime.gouv.tg matchonnawe.bakai@maritime.gouv.tg</p> <p>Marine nationale / Navy Captain BABATE Téléphone : (+228) 90 01 96 15 Capitaine TRIMUA Téléphone : (+228) 90 15 96 01 Email : base.marine@yahoo.com</p>



N°	Point de contact régional/ Regional contact point	Contacts / Contacts
01	ICC : Centre Interrégional de Coordination / Interregional Coordination Center	124, Rue 6.103 Quartier Golf Ntougou–B.P.35468 Bastos- Yaoundé –Cameroun
02	CRESMAC : Centre Régional de Sécurité Maritime de l'Afrique Centrale. / Regional Center for Maritime Safety of Central Africa.	Brazzaville 84, boulevard Denis-Sassou-N'Guesso Brazzaville République du Congo (+ 242) 05 532 01 09 regie@lesdepechesdebrazzaville.fr redaction@lesdepechesdebrazzaville.fr
		Kinshasa 4, avenue du Port - Immeuble Forescom commune de Kinshasa Gombé Tel.: (+243) 015 166 200 regie@lesdepechesdebrazzaville.fr redaction@lesdepechesdebrazzaville.fr
		Pointe-Noire avenue Germain Bikoumat Immeuble Les Palmiers (à côté de la Radio-Congo Pointe-Noire) (+242) 06 963 31 34 regie@lesdepechesdebrazzaville.fr redaction@lesdepechesdebrazzaville.fr
03	CRESMAO : Centre Régional de Sécurité Maritime de l'Afrique de l'Ouest / West African Regional Maritime Safety Center	Adresse : Voie Djibi, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire Horaires : Ouvert 24h/24 Téléphone : +225 22 42 44 97

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04	MDAT-GOG : Maritime Domain Awareness FOR Trade – Gulf of Guinea	E-mail : watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org In emergency, vessels should telephone on : +33 (0) 2 98 22 88 88
05	CMMC : Multinational Maritime Coordination Centres	Voir annexe / See Appendix
06	GGC : Gulf of Guinea Commission	CGG (GGC) BP10566, Luanda, Republica de Angola cgg@cggtps.org Tel: (244)222371387 Fax: (244)222337661
07	CEDEAO : Communauté Economique des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest / Economic Community of West African States	CEDEAO (ECOWAS) 101, Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District P.M.B. 401 Abuja, Nigeria info@ecowas.int Abuja Nigeria. Tel: (234) (9) 31 47 647-9; Fax: (234) (9) 31 43 005, 31 47 646;
08	CEEAC : Communauté économique des États de l'Afrique centrale / Economic Community of Central African States	CEEAC Haut de Guégué BP: 2112 Libreville, GABON contact@ceeac-eccas.org Tel: (241) 01 44 47 31-2



Appendix

Adresses des centres maritimes de la CEDEAO : CRESMAO, CMMC
et celles des centres opérationnels maritimes nationaux : COM
Addresses of the ECOWAS Maritime Centers CRESMAO, MMCC's
and National Maritime Operational Centers: MOC's

CRESMAO

PAYS/ COUNTRY	NOM DU RESPONSABLE HEAD OF CENTRE	ADRESSE/ ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
COTE D'IVOIRE CENTRE REGIONAL ZONES E, F, G	Capitaine de Vaisseau Major Konan Kouakou Boniface	CRESMAO Voie Djibi, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	+225 22 42 44 97	konankb50@gmail.com

CMMC/MMCC

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For the Togolese Maritime Authority



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- IMO/Resolution A.1069(28) / 29.11.2013 _ PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF PIRACY, ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS AND ILLICIT MARITIME ACTIVITY IN THE GULF OF GUINEA
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