



MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE
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PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF PRIVATELY CONTRACTED ARMED SECURITY PERSONNEL ON BOARD SHIPS WHILE IN TANZANIAN PORTS OR COASTAL WATERS

This notice is hereby issued to all national agencies concerned with anti-piracy activities and border control issues, shipowners, ship operators, shipping companies, shipping agents, shipmasters and crews.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Piracy still remains a serious issue for the shipping industry in the Western Indian Ocean Region where United Republic of Tanzania (URT) is situated as a coastal State. Piracy has necessitated the use of Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) on board ships in the High Risk Area as defined in the Best Management Practices for Protection against Somalia Based Piracy. The new high risk area is as follows: In the Southern Red Sea: Northern Limit: Latitude 15° 00'N. In the Indian Ocean a line linking: From the territorial waters off the coast of east Africa at Latitude 05° 00'S to 050° 00'E. Then to positions: Lat: 00° 00'N Long: 055° 00'E Lat: 10° 00'N Long: 060° 00'E. Lat: 14° 00'N Long: 060° 00'E. Then a bearing 310° to the territorial waters of the Arabian Peninsula. Tanzanian waters are not within but borders the High Risk Area

1.2 URT still sees the need for procedures for ships using PCASP. In this regard, the URT has in place procedures to give guidance on the embarkation, disembarkation and carriage of PCASP and of firearms and security-related equipment for use by PCASP.

1.3 The procedures are intended to facilitate the movement of PCASP and of their armaments and security-related equipment.

1.4 This notice should be read in conjunction with the interim recommendations set out in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) MSC.1/Circ.1408 for port and coastal States regarding the use of PCASP on board ships in the high risk area.

1.5 All ships while coming into Tanzanian ports or transiting through Tanzanian waters should follow the guidance given in this Notice so as to foster the continuation of maritime trade and navigation of ships.

2.0 Procedures for Handling Weapons on Board Ships

The Government of the URT has in place *Procedures for Handling Weapons on Board Merchant Ships Calling at Tanzania Ports* in accordance with section 19 (3) of the Armaments Control Act, 1991 (No.1 of 1991). The full text is attached as an annexure to this Notice and can be downloaded from the link <http://www.tasac.go.tz/maritime-safety-and-security>

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