

Circular 2018/002

Communications and notifications related to the use of Silent Ship Alert System (SSAS) and other related maritime security communication

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To whom it may concern,

Silent Ship Alert System (SSAS)

For Belgian flagged vessels who are under attack or threatened to be attacked by pirates and of whom the captain activated the SSAS, DG Shipping has developed a permanent system to assist the shipowner, the crew and the ship.

The SSAS on board of Belgian flagged vessels may be programmed with the following email address as single SSAS receiving address for the Belgian government:

mik@mil.be

The alert will be received by an operator at MIK. He will contact the CSO of the ship manager to confirm the alert. If confirmed, then he will notify the Maritime Security cell from DG Shipping.

The Maritime Security cell (MSC) will, in consultation with the CSO of the ship manager, set out the next steps. If necessary, the MSC will contact the Homeland Crisis centre and activates the emergency contingency plans for piracy

Other maritime security related communication

For all other maritime related communications or questions, including, but not limited to:

- Regarding private armed guards
- ISPS
- Questions regarding threats
- Specific route related questions
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There's a single point of contact email address to be used:

maritime.security@mobiliteit.fgov.be

For urgent question or other urgent need of assistance of the MSC, there's a permanent telephone number:

+32 2 277 44 66

This number is operated by the MSC of DG Shipping and can be reached at any time.

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