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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-286

To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

Subject: **IMB PIRACY REPORTING CENTRE (IMB PRC)**

Reference: **MMC-206
MMC-208
MMC-228
MMC-230
MMC-238
MMC-249**

1. As part of the agreement between the International Maritime Bureau (IMB), and the Panama Maritime Authority, we are encouraging our ship owners/operators, Company Security Officers (CSO), Ships Security Officers (SSO) and all the personnel responsible for the safety and security of a vessel, to use the new free service provided by the International Maritime Bureau Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) in order to receive piracy incident email alerts. The IMB PRC is a 24/7 manned Centre, with the capability and capacity to communicate with ships as well as relay incident information and liaises with law enforcement to render assistance. This allows the Master to concentrate in dealing with the situation on hand. Owners, operators and managers are encouraged to use this service, which is not only free of cost but also free of political influence.

2. The service provides invaluable, live notification of piratical activity in the Indian and Atlantic Ocean Regions. If you haven't already done so, please register by sending a request via email to:

Cyrus Mody
Asst. Director

ICC International Maritime Bureau

cmody@icc-ccs.org

3. Please note that only severe incidents will be reported via this email alert so as not to overwhelm individual mailboxes, while ALL incidents reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre are broadcast via INMARSAT C Safety Net Service to ALL vessels in the IOR and AOR regions.

4. The Maritime Administrator would also like to remind you to report ALL incidents of piracy, robbery, and/or suspicious activity to the IMB's 24-hour manned Piracy Reporting Centre via the contact details below:

IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC)

Tel: +60 3 2078 5763 / +60 3 2031 0287 / +60 3 2031 3106

24-Hour ANTI PIRACY HELPLINE: +60 3 2031 0014 (Manned 24/7)

Fax: +60 3 2078 5769

General Email: imbkl@icc-ccs.org / piracy@icc-ccs.org

5. The Panama Maritime Authority encourages all our Ship owners/operators, Company Security Officers of Panamanian Flagged Vessels to please report all incidents of Violence on their crews and ships which may have been boarded, hijacked, Kidnapped or fired upon ([IMB Seafarer Survey Form B](#)) to imbkl@icc-ccs.org / piracy@icc-ccs.org.

6. Piracy and armed robbery are considered universal crimes. Failing to report these as recommended may result in other ships being targeted and assaulted. The IMB's two-way system of reporting and sharing of information will greatly assist in controlling risk through transparency.

7. The goal of the Panama Maritime Authority is to give the Panamanian Flagged vessels and the Maritime Industry the certainty of our interest in achieving a safer transit through these High Risk Areas.

June 2019 - Annex IMB Seafarer Survey Form B

December 2016 – Update of paragraph #1.

March 2015 –New paragraph included

October 2013

Inquiries concerning the subject of this Circular or any request should be directed to:

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ICC International Maritime Bureau

ICC – International Maritime Bureau Piracy Reporting Centre Form B: Short Duration Incidents



IMB Piracy Reporting Centre

The ICC - International Maritime Bureau (IMB) was established in 1981 to act as a focal point in the fight against all types of maritime fraud, malpractice and piracy. The United Nations (UN) International Maritime Organization (IMO) in its resolution A 504 (XII) (9) adopted on 20 November 1981, has among other things urged all governments, interests and organizations to exchange information and provide appropriate co-operation with the IMB. The IMB also has an observer status with the International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO – INTERPOL).

The flag states of Republic of Liberia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Panama, Commonwealth of the Bahamas and St. Kitts and Nevis have signed a declaration condemning acts of violence against seafarers on 3 August 2011 and along with seafaring nations of the Philippines and India affirm its expansion to West Africa. The declaration recognises that the increased use of violence against ships crews during acts of piracy and armed robbery is largely underreported and that this information would be of value to the maritime community in the fight against piracy. This form has been modified with the aim of collecting information off both the east and west coasts of Africa to better understand conditions faced by seafarers during maritime crime. The flag states and seafarer nations have previously noted that the International Maritime Bureau of the International Chamber of Commerce (IMB) has undertaken to collect this information and affirms that the information collected by themselves or the IMB will be appropriately shared and that no reference to crew names or vessels will be made.

This form is intended for use with short duration piracy incidents. For longer duration kidnapping or hijacking please request for the expanded Form A. It is recognized that there are a number of questions required to be answered. However most of these questions require a simple Yes or No answer and there are only a few which may require more detail. To this end we request you to please answer ALL the below questions in FULL and return via email to Mr. Cyrus Mody (Asst. Director IMB) email: cmody@icc-ccs.org

<u>Vessel Name:</u>	<u>Type of vessel:</u>
<u>Date of attack:</u>	<u>Date of end of incident:</u>

- Please note that no names or identifications of crew or vessel will be revealed at any time.
- While answering the questions please give rank and nationality of the crew involved as well as the length of time and number of times the abuse was carried out.
- Please provide any photographs taken before, during or after the incident.
- Finally if you feel there is additional information available please share as this will help raise awareness among fellow seafarers

SECTION 1: The Incident

A. Incident type:

A.1) Please describe the incident checking all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Successful robbery	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsuccessful robbery	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt to steal personal belongings	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt to steal ship stores	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt to steal petroleum products	<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel hijacked and used as mother-ship
<input type="checkbox"/> Ship to ship transfer of petroleum products	<input type="checkbox"/> Offloading of petroleum products to land	<input type="checkbox"/> Kidnapping of part or all of crew (identify rank and nationality)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kidnapped crew held onboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Kidnapped crew held on shore	<input type="checkbox"/> Ransom negotiated

A.2) Please provide details including length of kidnapping and what was stolen if pirates were successful.

A.3) Please describe where the incident took place checking the box below that applies.

<input type="checkbox"/> Steaming	<input type="checkbox"/> At anchor	<input type="checkbox"/> At port	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe Anchorage Area	<input type="checkbox"/> High seas	<input type="checkbox"/> Territorial waters
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A.4) Please describe the defensive measures used onboard during the incident checking all that applies:

<input type="checkbox"/> Citadel	<input type="checkbox"/> Escort vessel	<input type="checkbox"/> Armed guards	<input type="checkbox"/> Passive self-defense measures
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B. Crew and Nationalities:

B.1) Please give details below about the number, nationality and gender of crew onboard at the time of the incident. Also note if crew of different nationalities or religions were treated differently by the pirates (check all that apply).

B.2) Crew Nationalities:

B.3) If security teams were onboard, were security teams

<input type="checkbox"/> Armed with guns	<input type="checkbox"/> Unarmed	<input type="checkbox"/> Local	<input type="checkbox"/> International	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed nationality	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Governmental (ie. Coast guard, navy, etc.)
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B.4) Please explain which nationalities teams were made up of and if these teams treated differently to the crew – if yes please explain the difference.

SECTION 2: Physical/Psychological Abuse of crew by the pirates

C. Physical abuse:

C.1) Was the crew physically abused by any of the following (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Slapped	<input type="checkbox"/> Punched	<input type="checkbox"/> Kicked	<input type="checkbox"/> Knives	<input type="checkbox"/> Pipes
<input type="checkbox"/> Sticks	<input type="checkbox"/> Rods	<input type="checkbox"/> Wires	<input type="checkbox"/> Rifle butts	Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Prolonged sun exposure without clothes	<input type="checkbox"/> Prolonged sun exposure with clothes	<input type="checkbox"/> Body parts tied for extreme pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Burning with cigarettes	_____

C.2) Please specify how often, why, and when each of the above occurred, and to crew of which rank and nationality.

C.3) Death resulting from the incident – if yes please give rank and nationality

C.4) Did any of the crew die during the incident or after the incident? If so, was the crew killed as a result of any of the following (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Intentionally shot during attack	<input type="checkbox"/> Intentionally shot during captivity	<input type="checkbox"/> Accidentally shot during attack	<input type="checkbox"/> Accidentally during captivity	<input type="checkbox"/> Shot by security or rescue forces	<input type="checkbox"/> Maltreatment or poor health	Other _____
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C.5) Please give details and specify which rank and nationality the deceased were.

D. Psychological abuse – if yes please specify rank and nationality of crew involved:

D.1) Did the crew undergo any of the following psychological abuse (check all that apply)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Threatened with use of knives	<input type="checkbox"/> Threatened with use of firearms	<input type="checkbox"/> Given mock execution	<input type="checkbox"/> Crew made to watch psychological abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped of clothes and not hit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family members contacted by pirates	<input type="checkbox"/> Crew made to speak with family during incident	<input type="checkbox"/> Crew told they were abandoned by family or company	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual(s) isolated from rest of crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped of clothes and hit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

D.2) Please give details and specify which rank and nationality were abused psychologically.