



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

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New Counter-Piracy Web Service

**TO: SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATOR & MANAGERS, CSO,
MASTERS, SSO**

APPLICABLE TO: ALL SHIPS
ENTRY INTO FORCE: DATE OF CIRCULAR

Monaco, 16th January 2009.

Please note that a new web service has been developed by Lloyd's Register – Fairplay for, and in conjunction with, the Maritime Security Centre (Horn of Africa). [It](#) provides the very latest Gulf of Aden (GOA) Transit Guidance, Maritime Intelligence and Advice to Masters from the EU Naval Force (EU NAVFOR), as well as live piracy news from Fairplay, BBC and CNN.

Ship owners, operators, managers and charterers can register FREE (Visit www.mschoa.org) to receive alerts and report incidents, as well as submit their own vessel movements to EU NAVFOR

The Maritime Security Centre (Horn of Africa), run by the EU NAVFOR, is the Coordination Centre behind the operation (Op ATALANTA) to safeguard merchant shipping operating in the region by preventing and deterring acts of piracy in the Gulf of Aden, off the Horn of Africa and in the Somali Basin. EUNAVFOR will use the military forces at their disposal, cooperating with other states operating in the region to provide protection to all merchant vessels (MVs) in the GOA. This will be achieved through close co-ordination of surface units, maritime patrol aircraft and helicopters, in the UKMTO Transit Corridor (UTC) and other areas of the Gulf of Aden and the Somali Basin which suffer from a high risk of piracy.

All parties concerned are strongly recommended to visit indicated web site in order to receive alerts and report incidents and to submit their own vessel movements to EU NAVFOR when operating/transiting in the Gulf of Aden, off the Horn of Africa and in the Somali Basin.