

## MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE SHIPPING CIRCULAR NO. 19 OF 2015

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**Applicable to:** This circular should be brought to the attention to all Singapore ship-owners, ship-managers, shipmasters and crew of Singapore ships and the shipping community

## PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS

This shipping circular draws the attention of the shipping community to the IMO guidance on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships. Please refer to Annex A for the complete text of the MSC.1/Circ 1334.

- 2 Shipowners, shipmasters and crews of ships operating in waters which are prone to acts of piracy or armed robbery attacks are strongly recommended to increase the level of surveillance and security onboard.
- 3 The MSC.1/Circ 1334 ANNEX lists the precautions to be taken to reduce the risks of piracy on the high seas and armed robbery against ships at anchor, off ports or when underway through a coastal State's territorial waters.
- Shipowners and shipmasters are required to send reports of any attacks or attempted attacks onboard their ships immediately to the Rescue Co-ordinating Centre (RCC)<sup>1</sup> for the area and subsequently to MPA. The immediate and subsequent reports should contain the information listed in APPENDIX 5 and 6 of MSC.1/Circ 1334.
- 5 This circular supersedes Marine Circular No. 11 of 2000.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> List of RCCs can be found in Admiralty List of Radio Signals – Global Maritime Distress and Safety System