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To: All Masters, Ship Security Officers and Company Security Officers of Hong Kong registered ships

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Deter Piracy in the Gulf of Aden and Off the Coast of Somalia **- Effective means to report**

1. This administration recommends that ships should be provided with effective means to report to the administration and naval forces in the area such as the Ship Security Report System (SSRS).
2. The first few minutes of a piracy attack are critical. When ships are operating in the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia, early and effective means to report piracy activities to the naval forces in the area is most vital. The SSRS is one of effective means to provide a real-time link between the ship and the Naval Forces responsible for maritime security in the area. With the SSRS, security alert that sent from ship can reach directly to the Naval Forces and this may ensure better protection for the ships.
3. For urgent Hong Kong registered ship's security matters after office hours, please contact Vessel Traffic Centre at the following address and telephone:-

Vessel Traffic Centre (manned 24 hours)
5th floor, Outer Island,
Macau Ferry Terminal,
Central, Hong Kong

Tel.: (852) 2233 7808
Fax.: (852) 2858 6646
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4. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have questions regarding this matter.



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