

Please find below recent advice for shipowners from MSCHOA.

SSAS alerts **must** be geographically filtered **before** routing to UKMTO and MSCHOA.



SSAS advice from MSCHOA

In reference to the inclusion of the advice in BMP3 on the use of SSAS as an emergency response in a pirate attack, under section 6 "Company Planning" sub section 6.4 where it states in line 5 "including the addition of UKMTO (as a recognised emergency response authority), as an SSAS recipient, MSCHOA and UKMTO qualifies this recommendation as follows :

Under Regulation 6 of SOLAS Chapter XI-2, it is the responsibility of Flag Administrations to determine to which competent authority or authorities SSAS alerts should be transmitted. As there is value in transmitting valid SSAS alerts for piracy attacks within the geographic area of 23 North 38 East, 23 North 78 East, 20 South 38 East and 20 South 78 East to UKMTO and MSCHOA, a number of Flag Administrations have already established mechanisms for this purpose. Companies [should/may wish to] encourage Flag Administrations to issue Advisories on the matter and to put in place solutions to ensure that valid SSAS alerts for piracy are routed to UKMTO primarily and also to MSCHOA. Such solutions should include the proper geographic filtering and routing of alerts and the handling of false or test alerts. Please contact MSCHOA and UKMTO before making any changes in order to follow configuration procedures with MSCHOA and UKMTO correctly.

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