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**Circular CAM 008/2018**

**Subject: Best Management Practices to deter piracy and enhance maritime security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea**

**To:** All Accredited Shipping Managers, ship owners, ship operators, Masters, designated persons of Luxembourg flagged ships, RO's, RSO's and Flag State Inspectors

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The current circular withdraws and replaces circular letter CAM 11/2015.

The 5th Edition of the Best Management Practices to deter piracy and enhance maritime security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea ([BMP5](#)) has been published and supersedes BMP4. Ship owners, ship operators and masters of Luxembourg flagged ships are requested to consider this revised new edition when transiting through the covered areas.

The Commissariat aux affaires maritimes continues to strongly encourage masters of Luxembourg flagged vessels to register their transits with **EU NAVFOR MSCHOA** and to follow the self-protection advice contained within BMP5.

As the overall situation and procedures to follow do change, ship operators and Masters should consult the information and advice provided on the [MSCHOA](#) website before starting the voyage and in particular the latest version of Best Management Practice.

All Ships are also invited to report to the UK Maritime Trade Operations office in Dubai ([watchkeepers@ukmto.org](mailto:watchkeepers@ukmto.org)) (cf. also BMP5, page 67).

Additionally, along with BMP5 publication, a [Global Counter Piracy Guidance](#) is now available for companies, masters and seafarers.

Finally, ICS, BIMCO, INTERCARGO, IG P&I, InterManager and OCIMF have issued [updated guidelines](#) (version 3) for operators and masters suggesting effective measures to avoid piracy attacks in the GoG.

Adequate dissemination of this information within your company and to the Luxembourg flagged vessels which are affected is requested.



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