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General Advisory: Revision of High Risk Area - reg.

For the attention of Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Shipping Agents, Ship Masters, Charterers, Ship Builders, Ship Breakers Association, Classification Societies recognized by Director General of Shipping, Non-exclusive Survey companies, Insurance Companies, Coastal State including Administrations of Union territories/Islands and Maritime Boards.

1. High Risk Area (HRA) with reference to Somalia based piracy is an industry defined area within the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA) as mentioned in the [Best Management Practices to deter Piracy and enhance maritime safety in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea](#) (BMP5) where it is considered that a higher risk of attack exists and additional security requirements may be necessary. The main purpose of highlighting the HRA is to ensure that the latest information on current threats is used when planning routes through this region and the HRA is outlined on maritime security chart Q6099.

2. The coordinates of the High Risk Area in the Indian Ocean is being revised with effect from 01.05.2019 to the following coordinates:-

In the Southern Red Sea:

- Northern Limit: Latitude 15° 00' N

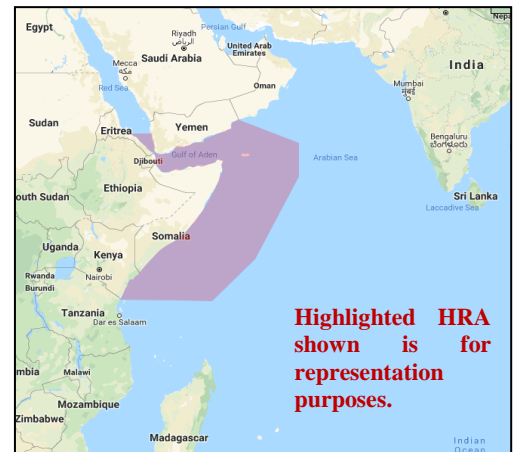
In the Indian Ocean;

- a line linking: From the territorial waters off coast of east Africa at Latitude 05° 00' S to 050° 00' E

Then to positions:

- Lat: 00° 00' N Long: 055° 00' E
- Lat: 10° 00' N Long: 060° 00' E
- Lat: 14° 00' N Long: 060° 00' E

Then a bearing 310° to the territorial waters off the Arabian Peninsula.



3. The Round Table of international shipping and associations organizations i.e. BIMCO, International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), INTERCARGO, INTERTANKO and the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) on considering the account of recent shipping industry experience, pirate intent and capability as well as representations received from various organisations, declared the revision of the High Risk Area. The advisory issued in this regard is available at <https://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org/risksissues/piracy/>. The website may be also monitored for guidance as well as external links relating to global maritime security. The revision of HRA will take effect from 01.05.2019.

4. Even though the dimensions of HRA has reduced, it must be stated that the threat of piracy in the region has not gone away. Ongoing risk assessment and a high level of vigilance and compliance with BMP5 in conjunction with '[Global Counter Piracy Guidance for Companies, Masters and Seafarers](#)' is essential before entry to, or when operating in, the HRA.

5. All CSO's and Masters of vessels are advised to take note of the information provided in this advisory.

6. This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping.

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Note - The underlined content in the circular indicates hyperlinks to the relevant online information, available on the respective websites.