



# Technical Circular

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## To Whomsoever it may concern

### Subject: High Risk Areas (HRA) and Precautionary zones.

- Panama Maritime Authority has issued merchant marine circular MMC-230 and MMC-327 providing consolidated text of the BMP4 and security measures in sailing in Gulf of Guinea (GoG). Based on the incidents reports of Panamanian flagged vessels these notices have been revised by providing list of high risk areas considered by administration and updating contact details of piracy reporting centre.
- Administration recognizes prompt reporting to the appropriate authorities and organizations, both during and post-incident; as an essential part of preventing, deterring and suppressing attacks.
- The following areas are also considered as high risk areas; by the administration:

#### 1. S.E. ASIA AND THE INDIAN SUB CONTINENT

Indonesia: Belawan, Dumai, Karimun Kecil/Besar, Pulau Nipah, Pulau Takong Kecil, Jakarta /Tanjung Priok, Muara Berau, Pulau Bintan  
Malacca Strait  
Malaysia: Tanjung Piai  
Philippines: Batangas  
Singapore Straits  
Thailand  
South China Sea  
Vietnam: Vung Tau  
Bangladesh: Chittagong  
India: Kandla, Kochi, Visakhapatnam

#### 2. AFRICA AND RED SEA

Somalia waters – Eastern and Northeastern Coast, Ghana, Angola, Guinea, Cameroon, Egypt, Benin, Gulf of Aden, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Conakry, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria: Lagos, Red Sea,  
The Congo: Pointe Noire and Northern Somali Coast in the Gulf of Aden and Southern Red Sea in The Bab El Mandeb,  
Togo: Lome.



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### 3. SOUTH, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN WATERS

Colombia, Haiti, Jamaica, Venezuela, Brazil, Guyana, Peru, Dominican Republic Ports, Ecuadorian Ports.

- All the Panamanian Flagged Vessels transiting through any of the above mentioned areas are required to raise their Security Level according to their Ship Security Plan.
- Apart from the HRA mentioned above, based on incidents reported during port or anchorage in the year 2016; the administration requires all ship owners/ operators and masters to take proper maritime security measures in order to reduce and deter the risk associated in following areas:

Country	Port/Anchorage
Bangladesh	Takoradi
Indonesia	Batam/Kabil
	Muara Berau/Samarinda
	Taboneo
Peru	Callao
Philippines	Davao
Venezuela	Puerto Jose

- The administration has requested to all Panamanian flagged vessels; to follow the latest Best Management Practices (BMP) and to contact the local information centers for up to date instructions and reporting prior to transit, or leaving a port within the region.
- Panama flagged vessels operating within the World Food Program in the Gulf of Aden (GoA) and Somali Basin shall implement as far practicable the BMP.
- The use of privately contracted armed security personnel (PCASP) should not be considered as an alternative to Best Management Practices (BMP) and other protective measures.
- In addition to the contact details given in BMP4, circular provides following contact details for Panama administration and Gulf of Guinea (GoG) as follows:

#### 1. PANAMA

Phone: +507 301 5748

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**2. Marine Domain Awareness for Trade – Gulf of Guinea (MDAT-GoG)**

Brest, France and Portsmouth, England.

Phone: +33 (0) 2 98 22 88 88

E-mail addresses: [watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org](mailto:watchkeepers@mdat-gog.org)

Website: N/A

- Ship owners / operators and masters are advised to be guided by above.

**Enclosure:**

1. Panama Maritime Authority Merchant marine circular MMC-230 on High Risk Areas (HRA) and precautionary zones.

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