



# Technical Circular

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**To whomsoever it may concern**

**Subject: RMI ship security advisory reg. Guidance provided by Combined Maritime Forces on Maritime Security Transit Corridor.**

- Republic of Marshall Islands has issued ship security advisory no. 07-18 informing about Guidance provided by Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) on Maritime Security Transit Corridor.
- Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) is a multi-national naval partnership founded in 2002; to promote security, stability and prosperity across approximately 3.2 million square miles of international waters mainly focusing on defeating terrorism, preventing piracy, encouraging regional cooperation, and promoting a safe maritime environment.
- Recent attacks against merchant shipping in the Gulf of Aden and Bab Al Mandeb have highlighted the risks associated with transiting these waters. The Combined Maritime Forces has established a Maritime Security Transit Corridor (MSTC) to protect merchant ships navigating in these regions.
- The purpose of MSTC is to provide a recommended merchant traffic route around which multi-national Naval Forces can focus their presence and surveillance efforts. The MSTC consists of:
  1. The Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC)
  2. The BAM Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) and the TSS West of the Hanish Islands
  3. A two-way route directly connecting the IRTC and the BAM TSS
- Ship Owners and operators are advised to take note of above and be guided by attached guidance.

**Enclosure:**

1. Republic of Marshall Islands Ship Security Advisory No. 07-18

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