

Information Bulletin

It has been observed recently that some Masters are choosing to phone their CSO first in the event of a piracy incident.

One of the fundamental requirements of BMP4 states that UKMTO is the primary point of contact for merchant vessels during piracy incidents in the high risk area which should avoid unnecessary delay and possible inaccurate or incomplete information reaching military commanders.

CSOs should ensure their ships' security plan reinforces the BMP4 recommendation that UKMTO should be telephoned on +971 50 55 23215 in the event of any piracy activity. UKMTO will then make every effort to contact the CSO as a matter of priority with any information received, whilst ensuring the relevant information reaches the military commanders with the minimum of delay.

Your support in this matter is most appreciated.