

Expansion of security level 2 area in Gulf of Guinea region

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Expansion of security level 2 area in West African areas.

Reference is made to ISPS notification dated 19.12.2013, related to West Africa. In that notification, the area where security level 2 is required was expanded to the waters off Togo and Benin, which was an addition to the already existing (since 2007) requirements for security level 2 in the waters off Nigeria.

Furthermore, on the same date (19.12.2013), the Norwegian Maritime Authority recommended that Masters carefully consider implementing relevant security measures for areas west of Togo (all the way to and including Ivory Coast) and east/south of Nigeria (all the way to and including Gabon). The relevant areas were marked on the map as "area where measures according to SSP for level 2 should be carefully considered".

Due to recent and credible reports of Nigerian piracy activity off the coast of Angola, NMA advises vessels flying the Norwegian flag to carefully consider relevant security measures east and south of Nigeria, all the way to and including the waters off Angola.

Coordinates for the advised area are enclosed this notification. (See map below)

The Norwegian Maritime Authority emphasizes that the required security level for the said area west of Togo and east/south of Nigeria is still level 1.

Masters are urged to report all suspicious activity to the local authorities and to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre, E-mail: piracy@icc-ccs.org, 24 Hours Anti Piracy HELPLINE Tel: + 60 3 2031 0014.

Reminder to masters and ship owners: Masters and ship owners are encouraged to register at the web based information service given from the Norwegian Maritime Authority on homepage:

www.sjofartsdir.no. If help is needed for registration, please contact the authority for guidance.

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