

## **MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE NO. 22 of 2009**

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**Subject: Maritime Security Advisory to ships/vessels transiting  
Gulf of Aden with latest trends of piracy incidents.**

**For the attention of Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Shipping Agents, Ship Masters,  
Charterer, Ship Builders, Ship Breakers Associations, Classification Societies  
recognized by Directorate General of Shipping, Non-exclusive Survey Companies,  
Insurance Companies, Coastal State including Administrators of Union territories /  
Islands and Maritime boards, Major and Minor Ports, Sailing and Fishing Vessels  
Associations, Allied Offices of Directorate General of Shipping, National Hydrographic  
Office (NHO), Coast Guard**

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) through its communication Centre (DG COMM Centre) provides 24 X 7 maritime assistance related services to Indian shipping and International shipping. It is observed that piracy incidents are being reported towards East Coast of Somalia and well into surrounding high seas area.

2. The Indian Navy (IN) has also reported similar piracy trends and incidents occurring in the East coast of Somalia. This probably is from the presence of large multi national forces in the Gulf of Aden region.

3. Therefore stakeholders are urged to exercise extreme caution and due diligence in planning and executing their voyages on the East Coast of Somalia, especially when proceeding to ports such as Mombassa etc.

4. Ship owners and Masters should also take into cognizance the fact that piracy

cover / escort by naval vessels are only limited to the Gulf of Aden (GoA) region and there is no naval presence on the East coast of Somalia region.

5. This information may be disseminated to all members.

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