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**ATTENTION:**

**JAMAICAN REGISTERED SHIPS**

- (I) **ALL SHIP OWNERS**
- (II) **MANAGERS**
- (III) **REGIONAL OFFICE**
- (IV) **DEPUTY REGISTRARS**


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**RE: ACTS OF PIRACY**

- The Jamaica Ship Registry wishes to remind ship owners to take all security precautions in carrying out their trade.
- Visit the Jamaica Ship Registry (JSR) website at [www.jamaicaships.com](http://www.jamaicaships.com) for document "Details of an Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC) for the Gulf of Aden, and emergency contacts.
- You may also visit the website of the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) Maritime Safety Information for weekly updates and monthly reports on piratical activities and hot spots.

[http://www.nga.mil/portal/site/maritime/?epi\\_menuItemID=3e37041ec7a4546e36890127d32020a0](http://www.nga.mil/portal/site/maritime/?epi_menuItemID=3e37041ec7a4546e36890127d32020a0)

- Be reminded that ship owners wishing to hire private security for their vessels are required to consult with the Administration prior to doing so.

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On the 8 December 2008 under Council Decision 2008/918/CFSP, the European Union launched a military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the coast of Somalia. This operation is known under the code name “ATALANTA”.

Owners of Jamaican Registered vessels seeking protection during the transit in the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia should be guided by the following procedure:

1. Visit the website of the European Union Maritime Security Center  
<http://www.mschoa.eu>

2. Register with the Maritime Security Center Horn of Africa (The contact is available on the website);

The Operations Center of the European Union in Northwood, United Kingdom will take charge of all applications and divide same depending on the number of the military vessels in the zone.

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