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TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OPERATORS, SHIP MANAGERS
AND SHIP CHARTERERS WITH SHIPS ENGAGED IN
INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES

SUBJECT : **INFORMATION OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOMMENDED TRANSIT
CORRIDOR (IRTC) FOR SHIPS TRANSITING THE GULF OF ADEN**

DATE : 03 September 2009

The Maritime Industry Authority hereby informs all concerned shipowners/ship charterers/ship operators/ship managers, with Philippine registered ships engaged in international voyages, that the **Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation (NAV)** of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has issued SN.1/Circular 281 dated 03 August 2009 regarding **Information on Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC) for Ships Transiting the Gulf of Aden.**

All concerned persons, shipping companies/ship operators/ship managers are invited to take note of the important details contained in the attached Annex of the said Circular and follow the recommended transit corridor in the said area.

Please be informed that the IRTC is subject to change by military authorities according to the prevailing circumstances. An up-to-date information about the IRTC can be obtained from the website of the Maritime Security Centre-Horn of Africa (MSVHOA) at **<http://www.mschoa.org>** or through notices or warnings to be issued by NAV for that particular area.

Finally, all concerned are advised to consider also the provisions of IMO Circulars prior to transiting the Gulf of Aden as follows:

- MSC.1/Circular 1334 on "Guidance to Shipowners and Ship Operators, ship masters and crews on preventing and suppressing Acts of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships";
- MSC.1/Circular 1332 and 1302 on "Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Waters off the Coast of Somalia.

For your information and guidance.

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