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TO : All Shipping Companies, Ship Operators, Ship Managers And Ship Charterers With Ships Engaged In International Voyages

SUBJECT : **INTERIM GUIDANCE TO PRIVATE MARITIME SECURITY COMPANIES PROVIDING PRIVATELY-CONTRACTED ARMED SECURITY PERSONNEL ONBOARD SHIPS IN THE HIGH RISK AREA**

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The Maritime Industry Authority hereby informs all shipping companies, ship operators, ship managers and ship charterers with Philippine-registered ships engaged in international voyages that the Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninetieth session last 16 to 25 May 2012 has agreed to develop guidance to private maritime security companies to complement existing guidance and to further assist policy development at the national level and facilitate greater harmonization of policies at the international level related to the issue of private armed security onboard ships.

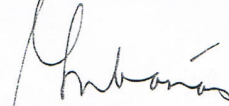
The interim guidance to private maritime security companies providing privately contracted armed security personnel onboard ships in the High Risk Area is set out in the Annex of MSC.1/Circular 1443.

The interim guidance should be read in conjunction with the following:

1. MSC.1/Circ.1405/Rev.2 on Revised interim guidance to shipowners, ship operators and shipmasters on the use of privately contracted armed security personnel on board ships in the High Risk Area;
2. MSC.1/Circ.1406/Rev.2 on Revised interim recommendations for flag States regarding the use of privately contracted armed security personnel on board ships in the High Risk Area;
3. MSC.1/Circ.1408/Rev.1 on Revised interim recommendations for port and coastal States regarding the use of privately contracted armed security personnel on board ships in the High Risk Area2;
4. The information provided in MSC-FAL.1/Circ.2 on Questionnaire on information on port and coastal State requirements related to privately contracted armed security personnel on board ships, as well as the other recommendations and guidance developed by the Organization for preventing and suppressing piracy and armed robbery against ships.

For further information on the above-mentioned MSC Circulars, you may visit the IMO website at www.imo.org.

For your information and guidance.


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