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INFORMATION RESOURCES ON PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA AGAINST SHIPS

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Definition

What is Piracy?

The following definition of piracy is contained in article 101 et seq of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS):

Article 101

Definition of Piracy consists of any of the following acts:

(a) any illegal acts of violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private ship or a private aircraft, and directed-

(i) on the high seas, against another ship or aircraft, or against persons or property on board such ship or aircraft;

(ii) against a ship, aircraft, persons or property in a place outside the jurisdiction of any State;

(b) any act of voluntary participation in the operation of a ship or of an aircraft with knowledge of facts making it a pirate ship or aircraft;

(c) any act of inciting or of intentionally facilitating an act described in subparagraph (a) or (b).

IMO MATERIAL ON THE WEBSITE

SeaLibrary Online. Maritime Knowledge Centre Catalogues online.

http://www.imo.org/InfoResource/mainframe.asp?topic_id=827

Piracy and armed robbery at sea. http://www.imo.org/Safety/mainframe.asp?topic_id=363

Reports on Acts of Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships

http://www.imo.org/Circulars/index.asp?topic_id=334

Arming of merchant vessels IMO advice http://www.imo.org/Facilitation/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1834

Directory of Maritime Links http://www.imo.org/InfoResource/mainframe.asp?topic_id=409

Piracy in waters off the coast of Somalia. http://www.imo.org/dynamic/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1178

IMO Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) - [Status of Compliance: SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code](#) (Data on the Status of Compliance with the maritime security provisions of SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code)

<http://www2.imo.org/ISPSCode/Default.aspx>

Focus on IMO

Piracy and armed robbery at sea *Focus on IMO, January 2000*

http://www.imo.org/includes/blast_bindoc.asp?doc_id=433&format=PDF

IMO News Magazine

Notices:

1. For a list of articles in the IMO News Magazines on this subject, please refer to the IMO website http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=11
2. The IRDs changed the contents in 2008 therefore if you wish to receive an archive copy where you can find a full list of articles in the IMO News Magazine on the subject with links to the IMO Website, please contact MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org (Please note the IRDs were last updated in November/December 2007)

Briefings

Notices:

1. For a list of Press Briefings on this subject, please refer to the IMO website http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=5
2. The IRDs changed the contents in 2008 therefore if you wish to receive an archive copy where you can find a full list of Press Briefings on the subject with links to the IMO Website ,please contact MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org (Please note the IRDs were last updated in November/December 2007)

IMO DOCUMENTS

Notices:

1. Please note that only Resolutions, Circulars, Circular Letters, Conferences and Final Reports of the meeting sessions are listed below. For a list of IMO Documents on this subject, please contact MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org
2. The IRDs changed the contents in 2008 therefore if you wish to receive an archive copy where you can find a full list of IMO Documents on the subject, please contact MaritimeKnowledgeCentre@imo.org (Please note the IRDs were last updated in November/December 2007)

RESOLUTIONS

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|--------------|---|
| A.461(XI) | Barratry and unlawful seizure of ships and their cargoes (1979) (<i>superseded</i>) |
| A.504(XII) | Barratry and unlawful seizure of ships and their cargoes and other forms of maritime fraud (1981) (<i>superseded</i>) |
| A.545 (XIII) | Measures to prevent and suppress piracy and armed robbery against ships (1983) |
| A. 683 (17) | Prevention and suppression of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships (1991) |
| A.738 (18) | Measures to prevent and suppress piracy and armed robbery against ships (1993) |
| A 922(22) | Code of practice for the investigation of the crimes of piracy and armed robbery against ships (2001) |
| A.1002(25) | Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia. Adopted on 29 November 2007 (<i>Advanced Copy Version</i> http://www.imo.org/Facilitation/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1684) |
| A.1026(26) | Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia. Adopted on 2 December 2009 http://www.imo.org/Facilitation/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1684 |

CIRCULARS

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| MSC/Circ.443 26/09/1986 | Measures to prevent unlawful acts against passengers and crews on board ships |
| MSC/Circ.475 22/06/1987 | Measures to prevent unlawful acts against passengers and crews on board ships (Measures contained in a communication by the Commandant of Hellenic Coast Guard, implemented in Greece in conformity with the specifications in MSC/Circ. 443) |

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| MSC/Circ.476 22/06/1987 | Measures to prevent unlawful acts against passenger and crews on board ships (Notice containing measures to prevent unlawful acts against passengers and crews onboard ships, implemented in the United States in response to MSC/Circ.443 |
| MSC/Circ.597 & Add.1 18/08/1992 | Piracy and armed robbery against ships (recommending the use of search and rescue (SA) services and mobilization, through the SAR services, of appropriate maritime authorities so that action could be taken to provide assistance to ships under attack or pursue the attackers with the minimum of delay) |
| MSC/Circ.622/Rev.1 16/06/1999 | Recommendations to governments for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships. http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=940/622REV1.PDF |
| MSC/Circ.623/Rev.3 29/05/2002 | Guidance to shipowners and ship operators, shipmasters and crews on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=941/623rev3.pdf |
| MSC/Circ.700 20/07/1995 | Piracy and armed robbery against ships (reporting increase in piracy and reiterating various Assembly resolutions |
| MSC/Circ.805 06/06/1997 | Guidance for the use of radio signals by ships under attack or threat of attack from pirates or armed robbers |
| MSC/Circ.967 06/06/2000 | Piracy and armed robbery against ships : Directives for Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centres (MRCCs) http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=870/967.pdf |
| MSC/Circ.984 20/12/2000 | Draft code of practice for the investigation of the crimes of piracy and armed robbery against ships http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=877/984.pdf |
| MSC/Circ.1073 10/06/2003 | Measures to enhance maritime security : Directives for Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centres (MRCCs) on acts of violence against ships http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=2974/1073.pdf |
| MSC.1/Circ.1233 15/06/2007 | Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia http://www.imo.org/dynamic/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1613 |
| MSC.1/Circ.1302 16/04/2009 | Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the Coast of Somalia http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11370/1302.pdf |
| MSC.1/Circ.1332 16/06/2009 | Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the Coast of Somalia http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11563/1332.pdf |
| MSC.1/Circ.1333 26/06/2009 | Piracy and armed robbery against ships. Recommendations to governments for preventing and suppressing piracy and armed robbery against ships http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11564/1333.pdf |
| MSC.1/Circ.1334 23/06/2009 | Piracy and armed robbery against ships Guidance to shipowners and ship operators, shipmasters crews on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11565/1334.pdf |
| MSC.1/Circ.1335 29/09/2009 | Best management practice to deter piracy in the Gulf of Aden and off the Coast of Somalia http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11911/1335.pdf |
| MSC.1/Circ.1337 04/08/2010 | Best management practices to deter piracy off the coast of Somalia and in the Arabian Sea area development by the industry |

SN.1/Circ.281 Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia. Information on
03/08/2009 internationally recommended transit corridor (IRTC) for ships transiting the Gulf of Aden
http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=11694/281.pdf

Circular Letters

Circular Letter No. 2946 Information in relation to meetings of the working groups established by Contact
12/02/09 Group for Piracy off the Coast of Somalia

Circular Letter No. 2974 Information in relation to meetings of the Working Group 1 of the Contact Group
18/06/2009 for Piracy off the Coast of Somalia

Circular Letter No. 3029 Contact Group for Piracy off the Coast of Somalia – Working Group 3 Meeting at
the IMO Headquarter on 18 and 19 March 2010

Circular Letter No. 3051 Information in relation to a meeting of Working Group 1 of the Contact Group on
08/04/2010 piracy off the coast of Somalia

Reports on acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships

The documents listed below **in red** are available in the IMO site
http://www.imo.org/Circulars/mainframe.asp?topic_id=334

Monthly, quarterly (in bold) and annual are available in English, French and Spanish. For MSC circulars prior to 1995 refer to the list of MSC Circulars in numerical order available online
http://www.imo.org/Circulars/mainframe.asp?topic_id=766

1995

MSC/Circ.679 (31/03/1995), **MSC/Circ.698 (30/06/1995)**, MSC/Circ.700 (20/07/1995), MSC/Circ.701
(31/07/1995), MSC/Circ.703 (31/08/1995), MSC/Circ.708 (30/09/1995), **MSC/Circ.709 (30/09/1995)**,
MSC/Circ.711 (31/10/1995), MSC/Circ.712 (30/11/1995), MSC/Circ.713 (31/12/1995), **MSC/Circ.714**
(31/12/1995)

1996

MSC/Circ.716 (31/01/1996), MSC/Circ.717 (01/03/1996), MSC/Circ.719 (31/03/1996), **MSC/Circ.720**
(01/04/1996), MSC/Circ.722 (30/04/1996), MSC/Circ.724 (31/05/1996), MSC/Circ.757 (30/06/1996),
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(30/09/1996), **MSC/Circ.768 (01/10/1996)**, MSC/Circ.769 (31/10/1996), MSC/Circ.770 (30/11/1996),
MSC/Circ.779 (31/12/1996)
Annual Report : MSC/Circ.785 (17/03/1997)

1997

MSC/Circ.780 (02/01/1997), MSC/Circ.782 (31/01/1997), MSC/Circ.784 (28/02/1997), MSC/Circ.786
(31/03/1997), **MSC/Circ.789 (31/03/1997)**, MSC/Circ.791 (30/04/1997), MSC/Circ.793 (31/05/1997),
MSC/Circ.818 (30/06/1997), MSC/Circ.820 (31/07/1997), MSC/Circ.821 (31/08/1997), MSC/Circ.823
(30/09/1997), **MSC/Circ.825 (30/09/1997)**, MSC/Circ.826 (31/10/1997), MSC/Circ.830 (30/11/1997),
MSC/Circ.831 (31/12/1997)
Annual Report: MSC/Circ.840 (13/03/1998)

1998

MSC/Circ.832 (05/01/1998), MSC/Circ.835 (31/01/1998), MSC/Circ.839 (28/02/1998), MSC/Circ.841
(31/03/1998), **MSC/Circ.843 (31/03/1998)**, MSC/Circ.844 (30/04/1998), MSC/Circ.869 (31/05/1998),
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(31/08/1998), MSC/Circ.875 (30/09/1998), **MSC/Circ.876 (30/09/1998)**, MSC/Circ.877 (31/10/1998),
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Annual Report: **MSC/Circ.903** (28/02/1999)

1999

MSC/Circ.899 (31/01/1999); MSC/Circ.904 (31/03/1999); **MSC/Circ.905 (31/03/1999)**; MSC/Circ.906 (30/04/1999); MSC/Circ.923 (31/05/1999); **MSC/Circ.924 (05/07/1999)**; MSC/Circ.925 (30/06/1999); MSC/Circ.928 (31/07/1999); MSC/Circ.933 (31/08/1999); MSC/Circ.934 (30/09/1999); **MSC/Circ.935 (30/09/1999)**; MSC/Circ.936 (31/10/1999); MSC.Circ.937 (30/11/1999); MSC/Circ.938 (25/12/1999); **MSC/Circ.939 (01/01/2000)**
Annual Report: MSC/Circ.942 (17/03/2000)

2000

MSC/Circ.940 (31/01/2000); MSC/Circ.941 (29/02/2000); MSC/Circ.943 (31/03/2000); **MSC/Circ.944 (01/04/2000)**; **MSC/Circ.945** (30/04/2000); **MSC/Circ.968** (31/05/2000); **MSC/Circ.969** (30/06/2000); **MSC/Circ.970 (01/07/2000)**; **MSC/Circ.972** (31/07/2000); **MSC/Circ.973** (31/08/3000); **MSC/Circ.974** (30/09/2000); **MSC/Circ.975 (01/10/2000)**; **MSC/Circ.976** (31/10/000); **MSC/Circ.977** (30/11/2000) ; **MSC/Circ.985** (31/12/2000); **MSC/Circ.986 (01/01/2001)**
Annual Report: **MSC/Circ.991** (31/03/2001)

2001

MSC/Circ.989 (31/01/2001); **MSC/Circ.990** (28/02/2001); **MSC/Circ. 992** (31/02/2001); **MSC/Circ.993 (31/03/2001)**; **MSC.4/Circ.1** (30/04/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.2** (31/05/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.3** (30/06/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.4 (30/06/2001)**; **MSC.4/Circ.5** (31/07/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.6** (31/08/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.7** (30/09/2001); **MSC.4/Circ.8 (30/09/2001)**; **MSC.4/Circ.9** (31/10/2001); **MSC/Circ.10** (30/11/2001); **MSC.Circ.11** (31/12/2001); **MSC/Circ.12 (31/12/2001)**
Annual Report : **MSC.4/Circ.16** (31/03/2002)

2002

MSC.4/Circ.13 (31/01/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.14** (28/02/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.15** (02/02/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.17** (09/05/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.18** (10/06/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.19 (31/03/2002)**; **MSC.4/Circ.20** (08/07/2002); **MSC.4/(Circ.21)** (08/08/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.22 (14/07/2002)**; **MSC.4/Circ.23** (16/09/2002);**MSC.24/(Circ.24)** (08/10/2002); **MSC.4/Circ.25** (08/11/02); **MSC.4/Circ.26 (30/10/02)**; **MSC.4/Circ.27** (19/12/02); **MSC.4/Circ.28** (20/01/2003)
Annual Report : **MSC.4/Circ. 32** (17/04/2003)

2003

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Annual Report: **MSC.4/Circ.50** (27/04/2004)

2004

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Annual report: **MSC.4/Circ.64** (5/05/2005)

2005

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Annual report: **MSC.4/Circ.81** (22/03/2006)

2006

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Annual report: **MSC.4/Circ.98** (13/04/2007)

2007

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Annual report: **MSC.4/Circ.115** (10 April 2008)

2008

MSC.4/Circ.111 (04/01/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.112** (11/01/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.113** (18/01/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.114** (28/01/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.116** (2/04/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.117** (28/05/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.118** (12/06/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.119** (12/06/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.120** (16/06/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.121** (16/07/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.122** (18/07/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.124** (27/8/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.125** (03/10/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.126** (27/10/2008); **MSC.4/Circ.127** (19/11/2008);
Annual Report: **MSC.4/Circ.133** (19/03/2009)

2009

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Annual Report: **MSC.4/Circ.152** (29/03/2010)

2010

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ASSEMBLY

24th Session (21 November – 2 December 2005)

Summary Reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=144&doc_id=5342

A 24/INF.11 List of Resolutions adopted by the Assembly at the 24th Session

25th Session (19 – 30 November 2007)

Summary Reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=144&doc_id=8822

A 25/INF.8 List of Resolutions adopted by the Assembly at the 25th Session

26th Session (23 November 4 December 2009)

A 26/10/1/Add.1 Consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee.

Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia

A 26/INF.5

Consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee.
Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia

COUNCIL

23rd Extraordinary Session (17-18 November 2005)

C/ES.23/D Summary of Decisions (Agenda item:17 – (a) Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia

24th Extraordinary Session (15-16 November 2007)

C/ES.24/D Summary of Decisions

25th Extraordinary Session (19 – 20 November 2009)

C/ES.25/12 Protection of vital shipping lanes. Piracy and armed robbery against ships in water off the coast of Somalia

C/ES.25/D Summary of Decisions (Item 11 – Protection of vital shipping lanes)

96th Session (19 – 23 June 2006)

C 96/D Summary of Decisions.

100th Session (16 – 20 June 2008)

C 100/7 Protection of vital shipping lanes. Report on the Sub-regional meeting on piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Western Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden and Red Sea area (Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, 14-18 April 2008)

C 100/7/Add.1 Idem. Follow-up to the 2007 Singapore meeting and the cooperative mechanism

C 100/7/1 Idem. Piracy and armed robbery against ships in waters off the coast of Somalia

C 100/D Summary of Decisions (Item 7 – Protection of vital shipping lanes)

101st Session (10 – 14 November 2008)

C 101/D Summary of Decisions (Item 10 – Protection of vital shipping lanes)

102nd Session (29 June – 13 July 2009)

C 102/14 Sub-regional meeting to conclude agreements on maritime security, piracy and armed robbery against ships for States from the Western Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden and Red Sea areas (*Adoption of the Code of Conduct concerning the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden*)

C 102/D Summary of Decisions (Item 14 – Protection of vital shipping lanes)

SUB-COMMITTEE ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AND SEARCH AND RESCUE

6th Session (18 – 22 February 2002)

Summary Records: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=271&doc_id=1989

COMSAR 6/22 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

FACILITATION COMMITTEE

30th Session (27 – 31 January 2003)

Summary Reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=146&doc_id=2671

FAL 30/20 Report of the 30th Session of the Facilitation Committee

31st Session (19- 23 July 2004)

Summary Reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=146&doc_id=3355

FAL 31/20 Report of the 31st Session of the Facilitation Committee

32nd session (4 July 2005)

Summary Reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=146&doc_id=4468

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| Comité Maritime International (CMI) | http://www.comitemaritime.org |
| International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) | http://www.iccwbo.org |
| EU NAVFOR Somalia – Maritime Security Center - | http://www.mschoa.eu/ |
| Federation of American Scientists (FAS) Intelligence Resource program : Anti-shipping activity messages | http://www.fas.org/irp/world/para/pirates.htm |

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| ICC International Maritime Bureau - ICC Commercial Crime Services Live Piracy Report | http://www.icc-ccs.org/ |
| International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (Intercargo) Piracy | http://www.intercargo.org/piracy.html |
| The International Institute for Asian Studies | http://ias.leidenuniv.nl/ |
| The Law Offices of Countryman & McDaniel – The serious problem of modern high Seas Piracy | http://www.cargolaw.com/presentations_pirates.html |
| Maritime Security Council | http://www.maritimesecurity.org/ |
| National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency - Maritime Safety Information | http://www.nga.mil/portal/site/maritime/ |
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