



CMB Circular 2026/001

Communications and notifications related to the use of Ship Security Alert System (SSAS) and other related maritime security communication

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To whom it may concern,

This circular is an update and a replacement of Circular 2018/002.

Circular 2018/002, dated 02/05/2018, is hereby withdrawn.

Ship Security Alert System (SSAS)

For Belgian flagged vessels who are under attack or threatened to be attacked by pirates and of whom the crew or Master activated the SSAS, DG Shipping has developed a permanent system to assist the company, the crew and the ship.

The SSAS on board of Belgian flagged vessels may be programmed with the following email address as single SSAS receiving address for the Belgian government:

mik@mil.be

The alert should contain the minimum information necessary for the identification of the vessel as stipulated in

IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1190 **Guidance on the provision of information for identifying ships when transmitting ship security alerts** (MSC.1/Circ.1190).

- .1 Name of ship;
- .2 IMO Ship identification number;
- .3 Call Sign;
- .4 Maritime Mobile Service Identity;
- .5 GNSS position (latitude and longitude) of the ship;
- .6 Date and time of the GNSS position.

The alert will be received by an operator at MIK (Maritiem Informatie Kruispunt).

The operator will contact the CSO of the company to confirm the alert.

If confirmed, then the MIK operator will notify the Maritime Security cell (CMB-Cel Maritieme Beveiliging) from DG Shipping.

The Maritime Security cell will, in consultation with the CSO of the company, set out the next steps. If necessary, the CMB will contact the National Crisis Center and activate the emergency contingency plans for piracy



Other maritime security related communication

For all other maritime related communications or questions, including, but not limited to:

- Regarding private armed guards
- ISPS
- Questions regarding threats
- Specific route related questions
- ...

There's a single point of contact email address to be used:

maritime.security@mobilitt.fgov.be

For urgent questions or other urgent need of assistance from the MSC, there's a permanent telephone number:

+32 2 277 44 66

This number is operated by the CMB of DG Shipping and can be reached at any time.

For the Director-general
Absent,

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