



**REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**

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NOTICE TO MARINERS Ref: 1 of 2012

**Title: Entry into force of the Piracy and Maritime  
Violence Act of 2011**

Notice to Ship owners, Agents, Ship Masters, Officers and all  
seafarers of ships under the Mauritian Flag.

The purpose of this Notice is to inform all stakeholders of the entry into force of the Piracy and Maritime Violence Act of 2011 on the 1 June 2012 and actions to be taken by Master/Officers on board ships.

1. All stakeholders are hereby informed that the Piracy and Maritime Violence Act of 2011 will enter into force on the 1 June 2012.
2. Under the above Act, the following are considered as offences, namely:
  - (a) Piracy and Maritime Attack
  - (b) Hijacking and destroying ships
  - (c) Endangering safe navigation
3. In relation to the above and where the Master of a ship, wherever that ship may be, and whatever the State in which it may be registered has reasonable ground to believe that any person on board the ship has committed, attempted, aided, abetted, counselled, facilitated, procured or incited the commission of any of the offences as at paragraphs 2 (a), (b) or (c), he/she (the Master) may deliver that person to the Commissioner of Police in Mauritius or to the Proper Officer in any other Convention State.

4. (a) The Master of either a Mauritius or a foreign ship who intends to deliver any person shall notify his intentions and the reasons why he intends to do so, to the following:

(i) If the ship is in Mauritius: the Director of Shipping.

(ii) If the ship is in another Convention State: the Proper Officer of that State.

(b) In Mauritius, the notification shall be sent to the Director of Shipping by fax (+230-2110838), OR by email: [3bm.mrs@mauritiustelecom.com](mailto:3bm.mrs@mauritiustelecom.com) or any appropriate communication means before the ship has entered the Exclusive Economic Zone of Mauritius or the State concerned in case of (ii) above.

(c) If (b) above is not practically feasible, then the notification shall be sent as soon as is reasonably practicable BUT NOT LATER THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE before the ship enters the territorial waters of Mauritius.

5. Delivery of persons in Mauritius shall be to the Commissioner of Police (the Proper Officer in other Convention State) and any oral or written statements, and other evidence is to be submitted at the same time.

6. The Piracy and Maritime Violence Act 2011 may be downloaded from the following:

URL: <http://www.gov.mu/scourt/publegislation/pubNewLegislations.do>

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