DANISH MARITIME AUTHORITY

DMA Circular no. 016

Measures for preventing piracy and armed robbery against Danish ships

1.   Rule reference

Order no. 1084 of 30 November 2011 on technical regulation on measures for preventing piracy and armed robbery against Danish ships.

2.   Explanatory note

On 1 January 2012, the order on technical regulation on measures for preventing piracy and armed robbery against Danish ships will enter into force.

Merchant ships which must have a safety management system in accordance with the ISM Code (the Code on International Safety Management) or a ship security plan in accordance with the ISPS Code (the Code for International Ship and Port Facility Security) must, either in the safety management system or in the ship security plan, have procedures for navigation or calls in ports in areas presenting a risk of piracy and armed robbery against ships. If the procedures are included in the ship's security plan, the procedures must be made available to the ship's crew.

Shipowners whose ships are covered by the above must, furthermore, have procedures in their ISM systems for assessing whether an area presents a risk of piracy or armed robbery against ships.

All merchant ships for which an ISM system is not mandatory in accordance with the ISM Code as well as shipping companies operating such ships must have procedures equivalent to those mentioned above.

The RO is hereby authorised to conduct an initial verification of compliance with the Danish Maritime Authority's order no. 1084 of 30 November 2011 on measures for preventing piracy and armed robbery against Danish ships and to issue a statement of compliance.

The RO is hereby authorised to conduct a periodical verification of compliance with the Danish Maritime Authority's order no. 1084 of 30 November 2011 on measures for preventing piracy and armed robbery against Danish ships and to issue or endorse a statement of compliance.

Technical regulation on measures for preventing piracy and armed robbery against Danish ships (order no. 1084 of 30 November 2011) is attached to this circular

3.   Action required
The RO is required to do the following:

- With regard to the ISM Document of Compliance (DOC):
  The ISM auditor must verify that a written "anti-piracy" procedure exists, includes the required contents and is accessible to all employees. The Danish Maritime Authority's order on technical regulation no. 1084 of 30 November 2011 on measures for preventing piracy and armed robbery against Danish ships applies.

- With regard to the Safety Management Certificate (SMC):
  The ISM auditor must verify that a written "anti-piracy" procedure exists, includes the required contents and is accessible to all employees. The Danish Maritime Authority's order on technical regulation no. 1084 of 30 November 2011 on measures for preventing piracy and armed robbery against Danish ships applies.

- With regard to the International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC):
  The ISPS auditor must verify that a written "anti-piracy" procedure exists, includes the required contents and is accessible to all employees. The Danish Maritime Authority's order on technical regulation no. 1084 of 30 November 2011 on measures for preventing piracy and armed robbery against Danish ships applies.

- With regard to the non-ISM/non-ISPS ships:
  The RO is authorised to conduct an initial verification of compliance with the Danish Maritime Authority's order no. 1084 of 30 November 2011 on measures for preventing piracy and armed robbery against Danish ships and to issue a statement of com pli-ance.
  The RO is authorised to conduct a periodical verification of compliance with the Danish Maritime Authority's order no. 1084 of 30 November 2011 on measures for preventing piracy and armed robbery against Danish ships and to issue a statement of compliance