



# UKMTO

## INFORMATION

### MERCHANT VESSEL VOLUNTARY REPORTING SCHEME

UKMTO is the first point of contact for ships in the region. The day-to-day interface between Masters and Naval forces is provided by UKMTO, who talk to the ships and liaise directly with MSCHOA and the Naval commanders at sea. UKMTO require regular updates on the position and intended movements of ships. They use this information to help the Naval units maintain an accurate picture of shipping.

In 2010 the voluntary reporting scheme for shipping was extended to cover the Red Sea, Indian Ocean north of 10S as well as the Arabian Gulf. On a voluntary basis only, ships (of any flag or ownership) are invited to report to the Maritime Trade Operations team on passing the following reference points:

- a. Suez for vessels entering or leaving the Region via the Red Sea
- b. 10S for ships entering or leaving the Region via the Indian Ocean (SOUTH)
- c. 78E for ships entering or leaving the Region via the Indian Ocean (EAST)

The initial report should contain the following and should be transmitted once daily.

- 1 Ship Name
- 2 Flag
- 3 IMO Number
- 4 INMARSAT Telephone Number
- 5 Time & Position
- 6 Course
- 7 Passage Speed
- 8 Freeboard
- 9 Cargo
- 10 Destination and Estimated Time of Arrival
- 11 Name and contact details of Company Security Officer
- 12 Nationality of Master and Crew

Subsequently, ships are requested to report their noon positions and speed, actual departure times and estimated arrival times at ports and destination when outward bound from the defined area. All timings are requested in **UTC** and the preferred method of communication is e-mail.

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