

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEAFARERS TO REQUEST INFORMATION AND PROTECTION

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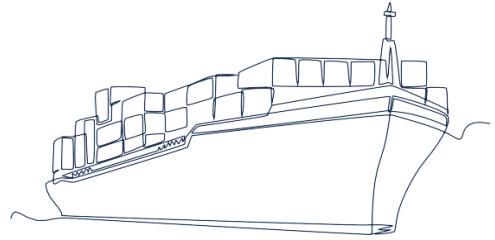
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EUNAVFOR ASPIDES was launched on 19 Feb 2024 to safeguard the freedom of navigation along the sea lines of communication, working side by side with **EUNAVFOR ATALANTA**, which fights against piracy and illicit maritime flows. To allow both operations to **effectively protect shipping** against different threats, particularly in the Southern Red Sea, Bab Al Mandeb and Gulf of Aden, and in accordance with BMP registration recommendations, following are the instructions for seafarers.

Merchant vessels should register on the MSCIO vessel reporting scheme, as per recommendation on maritime security chart Q6099, as soon as possible, at latest 72 hours before entering the reporting area:

- ❖ *ONLINE*, at <https://mscio.eu>
- ❖ *OFFLINE*, through a downloadable form available on the website, or to be requested to postmaster@mscio.eu
- ❖ Note: Data provided are protected and participation is anonymous.

In addition, for companies willing to provide a level of protection for their ship:

- ❖ Company Security Officers must contact MSCIO to request for protection and provide additional data.

MSCIO will then:

- ❖ Compile the list of eligible ships and/or companies;
- ❖ Coordinate with EUNAVFOR ASPIDES NCAGS (Naval Cooperation And Guidance for Shipping);
- ❖ Inform the Company about the decision regarding the requested protection

For close protection only, ASPIDES will then:

- ❖ Allocate assets for the appropriate kind of support;
- ❖ Inform the company about EUNAVFOR ASPIDES' modalities for protection.

