

## Circular 2017-16: New Mandatory Maritime Transit Corridors

### Overview

The battle occurring in the southern Philippine city of Marawi between supporters of Islamic State and the Philippine's government, has raised many fears. The militaries of Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines have launched coordinated maritime patrols in order to face potential threats such as piracy, kidnapping, terrorism and other crimes in regional waters.

### Mandatory Transit Corridors in SE Asia

Following those measures and in order to enhance maritime security the Marine Department of Malaysia, Sabah Region **requires**, all vessels which sailing through the designated maritime areas of common concern (see exact coordinates and map in **Annex A**), to pass through designated maritime corridors/transit lanes with specific coordinates as shown below:

POINT ID	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
(1)	06 09 15.8 N	119 59 46.0 E
(2)	05 59 36.0 N	119 48 59.0 E
(3)	05 59 36.0 N	118 27 08.3 E
(4)	05 21 00.0 N	119 21 30.0 E
(5)	04 44 59.0 N	118 56 30.0 E
(6)	04 03 30.0 N	118 56 30.0 E
(9)	03 56 30.0 N	118 56 30.0 E
(16)	03 59 14.0 N	119 00 30.0 E
(17)	04 39 43.0 N	119 00 30.0 E
(7)	04 03 00.0 N	118 27 21.5 E
(8)	03 56 00.0 N	118 22 30.0 E
(10)	03 44 12.5 N	118 38 46.8 E
(11)	03 39 48.6 N	118 44 51.1 E
(12)	04 52 45.7 N	120 30 00.0 E
(13)	05 01 16.7 N	120 30 00.0 E
(14)	04 28 08.0 N	119 42 00.0 E
(15)	04 23 16.0 N	119 35 00.0 E
(23)	05 04 35.0 N	119 35 02.0 E
(24)	05 04 35.0 N	119 42 00.0 E
(18)	05 19 00.0 N	119 28 37.0 E
(19)	05 25 04.0 N	119 28 37.0 E
(20)	05 52 36.0 N	118 49 51.9 E
(21)	05 52 36.0 N	119 47 06.0 E
(22)	05 07 45.0 N	119 35 02.0 E
(25)	05 56 30.0 N	119 56 00.0 E
(26)	06 05 08.0 N	120 05 38.5 E

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### Annex A

The coordinates of designated areas of common concern are listed below:

POINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
A	07 11 00 N	118 32 00 E
B	05 48 00 N	120 30 00 E
C	04 48 00 N	120 30 00 E
D	03 11 33 N	119 23 52 E
E	03 56 00 N	118 22 30 E
F	05 21 00 N	119 21 30 E
G	06 21 00 N	117 57 00 E

The maritime security transit corridors in SE Asia are given in the next map:



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### Reporting requirements

All vessels are required to provide a report to National Coast Watch Center (NCWC), LMS Bongao, MCC Philippines, CGAC, NOC, MCC Malaysia and MMC Indonesia at least 24 hours before arrival at the designated maritime areas of common concern, describing the ship's routing information.

AGENCY	EMAIL ADDRESS/CONTACT
National Coast Watch Center (NCWC)	<a href="mailto:ncwatchcenter@gmail.com">ncwatchcenter@gmail.com</a> +63 (2) 2413104
Naval Operation Center (NOC), Philippine Navy	<a href="mailto:noc@nav.ph">noc@nav.ph</a> <a href="mailto:hpn.noc@navy.mil.ph">hpn.noc@navy.mil.ph</a> +63 (917) 8512708 +63 (2) 5244981
Coast Guard Action Center (CGAC), Philippine Coast Guard	<a href="mailto:cgac@coastguard.gov.ph">cgac@coastguard.gov.ph</a> +63 (917) 7243682 +63 (2) 5273877
Naval Forces Western Mindanao Operation Center	<a href="mailto:nfwm.nfoc@navy.mil.ph">nfwm.nfoc@navy.mil.ph</a> <a href="mailto:nfoc.wm@gmail.com">nfoc.wm@gmail.com</a> +63 (917) 6860681
Maritime Research Information Center (MRIC)	<a href="mailto:mric@nav.ph">mric@nav.ph</a> +63 (917) 7085248 +63 (2) 8431833
Maritime Command Center (MCC), Tawau Malaysia	<a href="mailto:mcctawau2@gmail.com">mcctawau2@gmail.com</a> +6089 775600 +6089 779777 +6089 982623 (5.00pm – 8.00am)
Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) Malaysia	<a href="mailto:bilikgerakan_esscom@jpm.gov.my">bilikgerakan_esscom@jpm.gov.my</a> +6089 863181
Marine Department Malaysia, Sabah Region	<a href="mailto:aisjlsbh@marine.gov.my">aisjlsbh@marine.gov.my</a> +6088 401111
Maritime Command Center (MCC), Tarakan Indonesia	<a href="mailto:mcctarakan2@gmail.com">mcctarakan2@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:mcc_tarakan@tnial.mid.id">mcc_tarakan@tnial.mid.id</a> +625513806288 +625513806289

Upon entering the designated maritime areas of common concern a reporting procedure via radio with the monitoring station **should be rendered**. Then all vessels are **required** to pass through the designated transit corridors launched by Sabah Region.

### Other Security Corridors

Further to the required security corridors issued by the Marine Department of Malaysia, the Philippine Department of Transportation has also launched a recommended transit corridor to prevent acts of piracy and armed robbery ([Circular 2017-15](#)).

Also, new limits regarding the High Risk Area (HRA) in Somalia have already been set ([Circular 2015-12](#)) and they should be taken into serious account.

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### Actions required

Ship managers and operators should:

- Provide every vessel with an effective **Ship Security Plan**
- Follow the **required transit corridors** in SE Asia.
- Follow the **recommended maritime security transit corridors** whether available.
- Follow best practices (as required in **BMP-4**) and consider the use of embarked armed security
- Have their crews adequately trained and familiarized with any protective measures on board

### Further information

**SQEMARINE:** [Ship Security Plan](#)

**SAFETY4SEA:** [Combined Maritime Forces Set Security Transit Corridor](#)