MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL CONCERNED MANNING AGENCIES

SUBJECT : HIJACKING OF COMMERCIAL VESSELS IN SOMALIA

DATE : 03 September 2008

In view of the recent hijacking of commercial vessels in Somalia, the U.S. Navy’s 5th Fleet in Manama has recommended that commercial vessels take the following coordinates under the Maritime Security Patrol Area in order to possibly evade attack by pirates in the Gulf of Aden:

- **Northern Boundary**: 1230N 045E, 1340N 49E, 1415N 50E, 1440N 53E
- **Southern Boundary**: 1220N 045E, 1335N 49E, 1410N 50E, 1430N 53E

All manning agencies are instructed to immediately disseminate these coordinates to their principals/employers as well as owners of vessels deploying Filipino seafarers.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Administrator