



## New reporting procedure – Gulf region / Strait of Hormuz

### 1. Introduction

The European Maritime Awareness Strait of Hormuz (EMASoH) mission aims to reassure and monitor the shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf region to enhance the Freedom of Navigation for the shipping community. From February 2020, ships entering the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA) have sent their reports to EMASoH 48 hours prior to crossing the 15N and 63E line and their estimated time of the Strait crossing. This reporting contributed to enhancing Maritime Situational Awareness in the region by sharing useful information between the maritime industry and EMASoH.

### 2. Change of reporting

EMASoH and the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) have been cooperating in unifying the reporting regime in the Indian Ocean and have agreed to use the Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHoA) as the single point for this purpose. The aim is to simplify the reporting and reduce the number of reports to be sent.

### 3. Reporting regime from June 17th

The EMASoH e-mail address will not be monitored from June 17<sup>th</sup>: [ctf474-EMASoH.vra.fct@def.gouv.fr](mailto:ctf474-EMASoH.vra.fct@def.gouv.fr)

From **June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, all reporting when operating in the wider Indian Ocean region will be canalized through the MSCHoA reporting gate (Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean, Arabian sea and Gulf region including the Strait of Hormuz):

- ONLINE, at <https://on-shore.mschoa.org>
- OFFLINE, a downloadable form is available or can be requested 24/7 to [postmaster@mschoa.org](mailto:postmaster@mschoa.org)

MSCHoA will then broadcast the threats level and share EUNAVFOR's recommendations. For companies willing to receive a protection for their ship, the following procedure will apply:

- Company Security Officers (CSO) must contact MSCHoA via email to request protection and provide additional data to this address: [postmaster@mschoa.org](mailto:postmaster@mschoa.org)
- MSCHoA will coordinate with EUNAVFOR Force Headquarters/NCAGS (Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping), who will then decide and, if the request can be answered positively, will allocate the appropriate assets for the support.
- EUNAVFOR will inform the company of their decision regarding the requested protection via the MSCHoA.

### 4. Contact MSCHoA

<https://on-shore.mschoa.org>

Email: [postmaster@mschoa.org](mailto:postmaster@mschoa.org) (24/7)

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