

# UK Maritime Trade Operations - Dubai INFORMATION

## MERCHANT VESSEL VOLUNTARY REPORTING SCHEME

The UK Royal Navy's Maritime Trade Organisation (MTO) has been established in Dubai since October 2001 as an extension of Royal Navy operations in the region. Although the MTO team focus is in support of UK flag and UK interest shipping in the area, it works closely with coalition forces and is available to provide support across the entire maritime industry including shipping of all flag registry and ownership.

The voluntary reporting scheme covers the Red Sea, Indian Ocean north of 5S 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 in Dubai on passing the following reference points:

- a. Suez for vessels entering or leaving the Region via the Red Sea
- b. 5S for ships entering or leaving the Region via the Indian Ocean (east)
- c. 78E for ships entering or leaving the Region via the Indian Ocean (south).

The initial report should contain the following;

Ship Name

IRCS

Flag

IMO number

MMSI

Inmarsat telephone number including satellite prefix

Telex and fax number

Email address

Company having day-to-day management

Type of Ship

Current position and speed

Itinerary in the region with route way points and destination port(s)

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. Contact numbers/details for MTO Dubai as follows:

E-mail [ukmtodubai@eim.ae](mailto:ukmtodubai@eim.ae)

Telephone +971 50 552 3215 or +971 50 552 6007

Fax +971 4 306 5710

Telex (51) 210473

The information provided is treated in strict commercial confidence and is only used within coalition military circles. Naval assets in the region and Northwood Headquarters in UK are kept advised.

If further advice or guidance is required please do not hesitate to contact the MTO Team in Dubai.