



## INFORMATION LETTER 001-2009

to

**all companies having registered their ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.;  
all ships registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**

<b>Subject:</b>	Acts of Piracy in the Gulf of Aden and off the Coast of Somalia
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On the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008 under Council Decision 2008/918/CFSP, the European Union launched a military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the coast of Somalia. This operation is known under the code name "ATALANTA".

All owners of Antigua and Barbuda flagged vessels willing to be protected during their transit in the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia should be guided by the following procedure:

- Visit the website of the European Union Maritime Security Center <http://www.mschoa.eu>
- Register with the Maritime Security Center Horn of Africa (The contact is available on the website);
- The Operations Center of the European Union in Northwood, United Kingdom will take charge of all applications and divide same depending on the number of the military vessels in the zone.

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