

Expansion of security level 2 area in Gulf of Guinea region

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Expansion of security level 2 area in West African areas.

With reference to SOLAS XI/2 and the ISPS code part. A, article 4.1, the Norwegian Maritime Authority has decided to expand the security level 2 area in West African areas. *The actual areas are coastal waters outside the following states.*

- a) **Togo**
- b) **Benin**
- c) **Nigeria**

With reference to notification given 19.12.2007 regarding raise of security level in Nigerian waters, please note that the areas for security level 2 has been expanded to include the coastal water as mentioned above. Vessels and companies are encouraged to take note of and follow the recommendations submitted by the industry in the [“Interim Guidelines for Owners, Operators and Masters for protection against piracy in the Gulf of Guinea region”](#), including for example:

- Increased situational awareness
- Operational planning suited to mitigate risk
- Conduct security/anti piracy exercises and drills
- Increased look out
- Early warning/distress call
- Citadel / safe / strong room

Vessels flying the NIS/NOR flag shall implement measures described in the Ship Security Plan (SSP) for level 2 in the above mentioned areas. In addition the Norwegian Maritime Authority would also recommend that the Master considers implementing such measures for the other areas that are marked on the map as “area where measures according to SSP for level 2 should be carefully considered”. Map and coordinates are found below. Please note that the marked area in the map serves as an illustration only. The latitude and longitude listed in the illustration indicates the boundaries to be followed. The content of this security level expansion will be reviewed as appropriate.

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