

NAVAREA III type Broadcast Warnings

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Subj: Radio Navigational Warning Request

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AMPN/IMRCC Rome is kindly requested to relay the Radio Navigational Warning Request regarding EUNAVFOR MED operations on Op "SOPHIA" to Malta RCC and MRCC Athens in accordance with the agreements in place between IMRCC Rome, MRCC Athens and RCC Malta, keeping NAVAREA III coordinator informed.

Info: EUNAVFOR MED operation "SOPHIA" FORCE COMMANDER, Rear Admiral (IT Navy) Giuseppe BERUTTI BERGOTTO on board ITS GARIBALDI.

Aim: to disseminate among the marine traffic community, EUNAVFOR MED operation "SOPHIA" activities in contribution to the implementation of the Arms Embargo on the High Sea Off the Coast of Libya in accordance with UNSCR 2292(2016) within the agreed area of operation.

Reference:

- a) UNSC Resolution 2292 (2016) of 14 June 2016;
- b) Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/993 of 20 June 2016 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/778 on a European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA);
- c) Political and Security Committee Decision on the commencement of the European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFORMED operation SOPHIA) contributing to the implementation of the UN arms embargo on the high seas off the coast of Libya (EUNAVFORMED/4/2016), of 30 August 2016.

Radio Navigational Warning TEXT:

"All ships/All ships/All ships in transit in the Southern Central Mediterranean Sea, be informed that the European Union military operation, namely EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA, is actively operating on the high seas off the coast of Libya, contributing to the implementation of the UN arms embargo, in accordance with relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, including UNSCR 2292(2016). As a part of its activities, Operation SOPHIA is carrying out inspections of vessels bound to or from Libya where there are reasonable grounds to believe that such vessels are carrying arms or related materiel to or from Libya, directly or indirectly, in violation of the arms embargo on Libya.

All Ships be aware that Operation SOPHIA's naval units may also take relevant action to seize and dispose of such arms or related materiel, including the diversion of the vessels in question and their crews to a suitable port to facilitate disposal.

Operation SOPHIA's activities are not intended to impede, interfere or delay your passage in the area or hamper the freedom of navigation enjoyed by any vessels on the high seas under international maritime law".

(signed on original)
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