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To: All Operators of U.S.-Flag, Effective U.S.-Controlled Vessels and Other  
Maritime Interests  
Subject: NATO Operation Active Endeavor (OAE)

1. THIS MARAD ADVISORY PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO VESSELS TRANSITING AND OPERATING IN THE WATERS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA.
2. U.S.-FLAG OPERATORS WITH SHIPS IN THE AFFECTED AREA ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD THIS ADVISORY TO THEIR SHIPS BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.
3. UNDER OAE NATO SHIPS ARE PATROLLING THE MEDITERRANEAN AND MONITORING SHIPPING TO HELP DETER, DEFEND, DISRUPT AND PROTECT AGAINST TERRORIST ACTIVITY. THE OPERATION, CARRIED OUT UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE NATO CHARTER AND CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, EVOLVED OUT OF NATO'S IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 AND, IN VIEW OF ITS SUCCESS, IS BEING CONTINUED. SEE NATO WEBSITE AT [http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/topics\\_7932.htm](http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/topics_7932.htm).
4. UNDER OAE NATO SHIPS HAIL VESSELS AND REQUEST IDENTIFICATION AND OTHER INFORMATION. BOARDING OF VESSELS MAY BE REQUESTED, AND IS CARRIED OUT ONLY WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MASTER AND/OR THE FLAG STATE. NON-COMPLIANT VESSELS ARE REPORTED TO APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND SHADOWED UNTIL ACTION IS TAKEN BY A RESPONSIBLE AGENCY/AUTHORITY OR UNTIL IT ENTERS A COUNTRY'S TERRITORIAL SEA.
5. U.S.-FLAG VESSELS HAILED BY NATO WARSHIPS UNDER OAE SHOULD COOPERATE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHOUT JEAPORDIZING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE VESSEL, CREW, OR CARGO. IN THE EVENT THE VESSEL CANNOT FULLY COOPERATE WITH OAE, PROVIDE THE HAILING WARSHIP THE VESSEL NAME, IMO NUMBER AND COMPANY SECURITY OFFICER CONTACT INFORMATION, AND REPORT THE CIRCUMSTANCES IMMEDIATELY TO THE COMPANY SECURITY OFFICER.

6. REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR INFORMATION TO NATO WARSHIPS OR NATO SHIPPING CENTER, PHONE: 44 192 395 6574, E-MAIL: [INFO@SHIPPING.NATO.INT](mailto:INFO@SHIPPING.NATO.INT).

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