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### **EUNAVFOR ASPIDES Informational Message to the Shipping Industry**

While **no attacks or suspicious incidents involving merchant shipping have been reported at this time** in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, EUNAVFOR ASPIDES remains closely monitoring the regional situation.

The unpredictable nature of past events compels us to maintain the current threat level.

Furthermore we advise the Shipping Industry that UKMTO has received a number of corroborating reports from vessels experiencing **GPS interference** in the Red Sea with disruptions lasting several hours, affecting navigation systems and requiring vessels to rely on backup methods. Masters who experience disruption to electronic navigation systems (GPS / AIS / Other PNT) anywhere within Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA) are encouraged to contact UKMTO immediately and MSCIO watch keeper.

We further remind all vessel masters that the MSCIO remains available as a point of contact for any occurrences they may deem unusual. These information help to ensure the safety of seafarers and to safeguard the freedom of navigation with the continued support of Operation ASPIDES.

So, for the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, please follow the EUNAVFOR ASPIDES Operation recommendations, available on the MSCIO webpage. ASPIDES' updates can be found at <https://mscio.eu> or by contacting directly at [postmaster@mscio.eu](mailto:postmaster@mscio.eu) where you can be benefited from ASPIDES' support before transiting the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

Further recommendations, Best Management Practices and assessments, will be provided once the request for support process is finalized with MSCIO.