



# ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

### CIRCULAR N° APIR 005

#### **PROTECTION OF THE JAPAN SELF-DEFENCE FORCE (JSDF) FOR PASSAGE THROUGH THE GULF OF ADEN AND OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA**

**TO: SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND MANAGERS  
MASTERS AND CREW**

**APPLICABLE TO:** ALL SHIPS  
**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** DATE OF CIRCULAR

Monaco, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009

The Government of Japan has promulgated the Outline of Anti Piracy Measures Law, under which commercial vessels may apply for the protection of the Japan Self-Defence Force (JSDF) for passage through the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia, regardless of the nationality of the vessels.

In view of the above, please visit the web site:

[www.mlit.go.jp/maritime/gaikoh/pirate/index.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/maritime/gaikoh/pirate/index.html)

where pre-registration and escort application procedure can be found.