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Executive Summary

Alert No. 328: EMSA publishes a Report on recovery prospects post COVID-19.

The *European Maritime Safety Agency* ("EMSA"), with reference to the post-COVID-19 recovery prospects, analyses the **current impact of the pandemic** on the *shipping* industry and tries to provide reliable data for the definition of recovery policies, recovery strategies and implementation of specific measures in response to the above-mentioned emergency context.

This data is collected in a special [Report](#) (updated on a regular basis and most recently on 17th July 2020) regarding the impact of COVID-19 on maritime traffic, focusing mainly on EU ports and EU-flagged vessels, including statistics on shipping routes between Europe and China and between Europe and the United States¹.

Alert No. 329: The Report of the International Maritime Bureau on piracy attacks off West Africa in the current emergency context.

Despite the epidemiological emergency caused from COVID-19, the *International Maritime Bureau* ("IMB") found that **piracy attacks against ships and their crews increased during 2020**.

In detail, the *IMB*, as reported in its [Report](#), recorded 98 piracy incidents in the first half of 2020, compared to 78 in the second quarter of 2019.

The Gulf of Guinea, in particular, as can be seen from the relevant *press release*², continues to be increasingly dangerous for the transport of goods by sea, with **just over 90% of piracy attacks on a global scale**.

¹ See the relevant *press release* published on the *EMSA website*, available at the following [link](http://www.emsa.europa.eu/news-a-press-centre/covid19-impact.html):
<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/news-a-press-centre/covid19-impact.html>

² See the relevant *IMB press release*, available at the following [link](https://www.icc-ccs.org/index.php/1293-crew-kidnappings-surge-in-seas-off-west-africa-imb-reports):
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Alert No. 330: Clarifications from the Italian Revenue Agency on tax credits for sanitation expenses, e purchase of devices and for adapting workplace environments.

The Italian Revenue Agency has made available, by means of a [special provision](#), **models and instructions** for taking advantage of the **tax credits** introduced by the *so-called* “Decreto Rilancio” – recently converted into law – for the costs of **sanitation and purchase of personal protective equipment, and for the costs of adapting the workplace environment**.

In this regard, the Revenue Agency also published its [Circular No. 20/E](#) providing first clarifications and operational guidelines on the issue at stake.

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