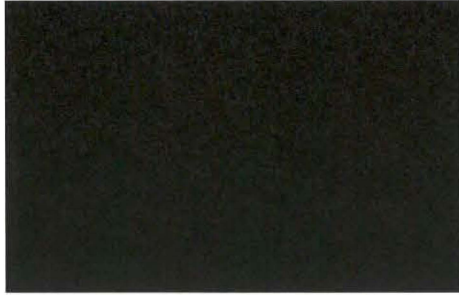




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26 March 2021

Dear [Redacted],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 8 March 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'Request for information: Freedom of Information Act 2000
UK Marine Trade Operations

I should be grateful if you would provide me with the following data relating to information collated by the UK Marine Trade Operations (UKMTO) on behalf of the International Maritime Security Construct.

- For each of the calendar years 2019 and 2020, please advise me of the number of information reports made to UKMTO originating from a) the UK Royal Navy and b) the UK Royal Air Force.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

In response to your request, I can advise that in each of the calendar years 2019 and 2020, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force provided no information reports to the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO).

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, you may find it useful to know that the UKMTO offers an information service to global merchant marine traffic in the Indian Ocean and Gulf region, in support of Industry guidance contained in Best Management Practices, 5th Edition (BMP5).

UKMTO also administers Voluntary Reporting Areas which have been designed to enhance the security of merchant vessels. Vessels/masters and Companies are therefore encouraged to send in regular reports.

Further information can be found at the following links:

Link to BMP5 - <https://www.steamshipmutual.com/loss-prevention/BMP50718.htm>

Link to the UKMTO website - <https://www.ukmto.org>

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section