

Dear Sir/Mdme,

I refer to Circular Letter Number 2933 from 23 December 2008 regarding IMO's request for information on national legislation on piracy and armed robbery.

Brazil has incorporated "armed robbery" in its national legislation, as a type of criminal offence.

Our Criminal Code, approved as Decree Law number 2828 from 7 December 1940, under its article 157, provides for armed robbery in all national jurisdiction, both at sea and on land.

Please, find the text of this article below:

*"Chapter II: Robbery and Extortion*

*Article 157 - theft of movable items belonging to a third party, for his own benefit or that of other (s), by means of threat or violence against a human being, or after having rendered such human being incapable of resistance .*

*Punishment: by confinement of 4 to 10 years and payment of a fine."*

I would be grateful if you could kindly acknowledge receipt of this e-mail.

Best Regards,

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