

## Subject: Access to documents application [#291103]

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the activities of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

This is a reply to your application for access to documents, registered on 7 November 2023, whereby you request:

***“EMSA technical study on main safety aspects relevant for SAR operations at sea as presented at the 5th meeting of the European Contact Group on Search and Rescue, 2 October 2023 in Brussels. [...]”***

Please be informed that your application has been processed in line with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to documents.

As outcome of our internal assessment, we identified the following document as falling within the scope of your application: 20231002\_EMMSA Technical Study\_SEN\_red, attached.

Kindly note that the above document has been partially redacted, the redacted parts falling under the exception foreseen under the provisions of Article 4(1) (b) of the Regulation. In line with this provision, access to a document shall be refused where disclosure would undermine the protection of the privacy and integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data. In case of personal data, the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 shall apply. This Regulation protects “personal data” which means any information relating to an identified or identifiable person.

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Note that, in line with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No.1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to documents, you may file a confirmatory application within 15 working days of receiving this email.

Kind regards,  
EMSA Document Access Coordinator