

Piracy law

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This law stipulates the crimes that can be considered as piracy. This includes every illegitimate act of violence, threat, detention or pillage carried out by the crew or the passengers of a particular ship for personal purposes. This law regulates the penalties for acts of piracy. Moreover, the measures that can be taken by commanders of Belgian war vessels to stop or prevent piracy are discussed. These encompass escorting ships, detecting acts of piracy, drawing up police reports, boarding ships seized by pirates, etc.