

and regulations of the Togolese Republic, commanders of Government vessels or aircraft responsible for maritime surveillance shall be authorized to conduct, or order the conducting of, inspection and coercion measures as provided for by the present Act.

Article 4: In order to fulfil that mission, the commanders of Togolese Government vessels and aircraft may perform the following actions:

- conduct an approach;
- conduct a visit/search.

An approach entails

responsibility of the maritime prefect.

Article 12: Refusal to comply with orders issued under article 4, paragraph 3, and articles 6 and 8 of the present Act shall be punishable by a fine of fifty million (50,000,000) to one billion (1,000,000,000) CFA francs, without prejudice to the criminal proceedings brought.

Article 13: The same penalties shall be applicable either to the owner of the vessel or the owner's representative in Togo, or to the operator of the vessel, when they are responsible for the refusal to comply with the orders referred to in article 9 of the present Act.

Article 14: Measures taken against foreign vessels pursuant to the present Act shall be notified to the flag State through the diplomatic channel.

Article 15: The present Act shall be executed as a State law.

Done at Lomé, 11 March 2016

President of the Republic

Signed

Faure Essozimna **Gnassingbe**

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Signed

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