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CIRCULAR LETTER TO MARITIME REGISTRARS, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP OPERATORS, FLAG STATE INSPECTORS AND RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS

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ENHANCED INSPECTION MEASURES FOR VESSELS USING NON-IACS SOCIETIES FOR STATUTORY CERTIFICATION AND CALLING AT PORTS IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

This Maritime Circular should be read in conjunction with Maritime Circular MC 83 18. In order to enhance the performance of St. Kitts & Nevis ships which use a non-IACS Class Society for statutory certification and which call at ports in the UAE the following will apply with immediate effect.

All ships in this category that regularly i.e. more than four (4) times a year call at ports in the UAE, will need to present themselves for an occasional inspection by a Flag State Inspector (FSI) by 31st December 2018. This inspection will cover all conditions related to security, pollution prevention, maritime safety and compliance with all international and national regulations applicable to the vessel, to ensure that the ship is in compliance with international and national standards applicable to it. If any deficiencies are identified by the FSI, these are to be rectified within 30 days and the ship presented for re-inspection to confirm that the deficiencies have been rectified. Costs involved in these Flag State Inspections shall be shared between SKANReg and the owners account. Failure to present a ship for this inspection may result in penalty action being taken by SKANReg including removal of the ship from the Registry.

Ships that call at UAE ports occasionally i.e. less than four (4) times a year are required to have this Flag State Inspection within 6 months from the date of the Maritime Circular unless they expect to call at a UAE port before 31st December 2018. In this case, the ship must present itself for inspection immediately on arrival at the UAE port.

Ships that call regularly at UAE ports, as well as the above, will be required to present themselves for an occasional inspection by an FSI 6-months after annual surveys are carried out by the Recognised Organisation for the ship e.g. if Annual Surveys are carried out in December 2018, then the occasional survey MUST be carried out by the end of June 2019. Failure to present a ship for this inspection may result in penalty action being taken by SKANReg including removal of the ship from the Registry. Again, if any deficiencies are identified by the FSI, these are to be rectified within 30 days and the ship presented for re-inspection to confirm that the deficiencies have been rectified.

It is up to the owners of the ships affected by this Maritime Circular to advise SKANReg when an inspection is required, though SKANReg will also monitor the record of the ship.

Notes:

Non-IACS Class Societies with which the Government of Saint Christopher (Kitts) & Nevis have agreements for the delegation of statutory services are:

- International Register of Shipping (IRS)
- International Naval Surveys Bureau (INSB Class)
- Turk Loydu (TL)

Statutory Certification for the purposes of this Maritime Circular means any surveys and certification according to an IMO or ILO Convention and also includes "Classing" of the ship for insurance purposes.

Regular calls at UAE ports are more than four (4) times per year.

Occasional calls are less than four (4) times per year

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam Ryan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Liam Ryan
International Registrar of Shipping and Seamen