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PORT OF REGISTRY FOR ST. KITTS & NEVIS SHIPS

The Merchant Shipping Act No. 24 of 2002 designated, "Port Zante" as the Port of Registry for St. Kitts & Nevis Ships.

The Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act of 2005, changed the Port of Registry to either "Basseterre", on the island of St. Kitts or "Charlestown", on the island of Nevis.

"Port Zante" is no longer to be used as the Port of Registry, but those owners whose ships are already registered with the PoR as "Port Zante", can continue to use "Port Zante" whilst they are registered with St. Kitts & Nevis International Ship Registry and "Port Zante" should be shown as the PoR on the certificates for their ship(s).

For all other ships, the certificates should show whichever of "Basseterre" or "Charlestown" has been decided upon as the PoR.

For ease of Registry operational procedures, unless an Owner requests otherwise;

- a) the Port of Registry for foreign individuals, foreign corporations or St. Kitts corporations will be "Basseterre" and
- b) the Port of Registry for Nevis corporations will be "Charlestown".

Yours truly,

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