ST KITTS & NEVIS INTERNATIONALSHIP REGISTRY

MARITIME CIRCULAR - MC 165-26

UAE COMPULSORY CLASSIFICATION – REVISED FLAG STATE LIST (SUPERSEDES MC/83/18)

1. Purpose

1.1 This Maritime Circular informs shipowners, operators, managers and Maritime Registrars of the list of flag States subject to the specific classification requirement in United Arab Emirates (UAE) Federal Maritime Administration (FMA) Circular No. (08) of 2024, dated 6 August 2024. St. Kitts and Nevis is not included in that list.

1.2 This Maritime Circular supersedes St. Kitts and Nevis Maritime Circular MC/83/18, dated 23 July 2018.

2. Applicability

2.1 This Maritime Circular applies to St. Kitts and Nevis-registered ships calling at UAE ports or anchoring in UAE waters, and to their owners, operators, managers and Maritime Registrars.

3. Legal References and Framework

3.1 UAE Federal Transport Authority (FTA) Circular No. (12) of 2018, Compulsory Classification of Some Foreign-Flagged Ships by an Approved Classification Society (22 July 2018).

3.2. UAE FTA Circular No. (15) of 2018, Updated List of Flag States Obligated to Be Classified by an IACS Member Classification Society (25 December 2018).

3.3 UAE FMA Circular No. (08) of 2024, Updated List of Flag States Obligated to Have Their Vessels Classified by a Member of IACS (6 August 2024).

3.4 St. Kitts and Nevis Maritime Circular MC/83/18, Compulsory Classification of Ships by an Approved Classification Society while Calling to UAE Ports (23 July 2018; superseded).

4. Instructions

4.1 The UAE Federal Transport Authority (FTA) Circular No. (12) of 2018 initially identified certain flag States, including St. Kitts and Nevis, whose ships would be required to be classed by an International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) member or the Emirates Classification Society (TASNEEF) when calling at UAE ports or anchoring in UAE waters. The requirement was scheduled to take effect on 1 January 2019 and was communicated through MC/83/18.

4.2 Before that effective date, UAE FTA Circular No. (15) of 2018 revised the list, with effect from 1 January 2019, and omitted St. Kitts and Nevis. Consequently, the specific flag-State classification requirement announced in MC/83/18 did not take effect for St. Kitts and Nevis-registered ships.

4.3 **UAE FMA Circular No. (08) of 2024 identifies ten flag States subject to its IACS-or-TASNEEF classification requirement. St. Kitts and Nevis is not among them. Accordingly, on the basis of that circular, this specific restriction does not apply to a vessel solely because it is registered under the St. Kitts and Nevis flag.**

4.4 The flag States identified in FMA Circular No. (08) of 2024 are: Albania; Belize; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Sao Tome and Principe; Tonga; Republic of the Congo; Equatorial Guinea; United Republic of Tanzania; Republic of Cameroon; and Eswatini (Swaziland).

4.5 **This does not exempt St. Kitts and Nevis-registered ships from any other applicable UAE port State, safety, statutory or classification requirements, or from the requirements of the St. Kitts and Nevis Administration.**

4.6 For a list or Recognized Organizations and Recognized Security Organizations with delegation of authority to carry out statutory surveys and issue statutory certificates on behalf of the Administration please visit the following link: https://www.skanregistry.com/en/vessels/authorised-organisations

5. Further Instructions and Assistance

5.1 For further information or clarification regarding this Maritime Circular, please contact the Technical Department at technical@skanregistry.com

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