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MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF GEORGIA

UNITED TRANSPORT AGENCY

No. 01/2011

April 28, 2011

Dear Sir/Madam,

According to our notification message dated by 21.04.2011 concerning thorough examination of the vessels flying under Georgian Flag, we would like to inform you that Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia in its efforts to upgrade the safety, security and environmental standards of its fleet and also to improve the image of the Georgian flag through the reduction of detentions of Georgian ships by Port State Control authorities and to eliminate the problems related to technical and living standards on board, we initiate thorough flag state inspections.

The flag state inspections shall be carried out at no cost to the ship owners, except when reinspection of a ship is necessary in order to check rectification of deficiencies found during the initial inspections. MTA preserves its right to request relevant classified societies to participate in inspections/re-inspections based on number and nature of observations detected previously or on general performance of ship/ship's management.

Thanking you in anticipation for help and understanding.

Sincerely Yours,

Maritime Transport Agency



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