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TO: Owners/Agents, Operators, Masters of Georgian flagged ships

Subject: CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR VESSELS ARRIVING AT UNITED STATES PORTS FROM CERTAIN COUNTRIES

The United States Coast Guard evaluates the effectiveness of anti-terrorism measures in foreign ports and imposes the conditions of entry on vessels arriving to the United States from countries that do not maintain effective anti-terrorism measures.

On 13th of April 2015 the USCG has issued Port Security Advisory (2-15) with an updated list of countries that are effected by conditions of entry.

USCG informs all vessels arriving to the United States that visited the countries listed in paragraph B (with exceptions noted) during their last five port calls must take actions 1 through 5 listed below:

1. Implement measures per the ship's security plan equivalent to Security Level 2;
2. Ensure that each access point to the ship is guarded and that the guards have total visibility of the exterior (both landside and waterside) of the vessel. Guards may be:
 - Provided by the ship's crew, however, additional crewmembers should be placed on the ship if necessary to ensure that limits on maximum hours of work are not exceeded and/or minimum hours of rest are met, or
 - Pprovided by outside security forces approved by the ship's master and Company Security Officer.

3. Attempt to execute a Declaration of Security;
4. Log all security actions in the ship's security records; and
5. Report actions taken to the cognizant U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port prior to arrival in the U.S.

Vessels that visited the countries listed in paragraph B (with exceptions noted) during their last five port calls will be boarded or examined by the Coast Guard to ensure the vessel took the required actions. Failure to properly implement the actions mentioned above may result in delay or denial of entry into the United States.

Actions Required by Vessels in U.S. Ports:

Based on the findings of the Coast Guard boarding or examination, the vessels that visited the countries listed in paragraph B (with exceptions noted) may be required to ensure that each access point to the ship is guarded by armed security guards and that they have total visibility of the exterior (both landside and waterside) of the vessel while in U.S. ports. The number and location of the guards must be acceptable to the cognizant U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port. For those vessels that have demonstrated good security compliance and can document that they took the measures called for in 1. through 4. above, the armed security guard requirement will normally be waived.

Owners and operators of Georgian flagged ships, as well as the Master and crew that are due to arrive in a US port after calling at a port in any of the countries listed above are strongly urged to review the conditions of entry prior to their vessel arriving at a port in one of these countries.

Copy of USCG Port Security Advisory (2-15) is attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

Acting director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Z. Makharadze', is written over the signature line.

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