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To: All ships navigating in Georgian Territorial waters / Ships
agents.
To whom it may concern

Subject: Restriction of ships drifting in the Territorial waters

According to Georgian Law on Maritime space (item 4 of article 16) innocent passage in the Territorial waters of the Georgia shall be done without delay and stoppage. Stoppage and anchoring is allowed in case of normal navigation to Georgian ports, in a distress situation, Search and Rescue operations and force majeure.

This circular defines in which cases stoppage of the foreign ship (drifting) in the territorial waters will be considered as a breach of above mentioned law.

If the foreign ship is navigating in Georgian Territorial waters she is not allowed to stop for drifting at any stage of navigation, unless it is caused by the technical failure, distress/emergency situation, SAR operation or force majeure. If the vessel is proceeding to Georgian port, she is allowed to adjust the speed (including minimum safe speed) or stop for the short time in order to adjust ETA, however ship's main Engine shall always be kept ready for maneuvering.

In case pilotage or berthing is delayed for a longer period (hours or days), the vessel shall avoid drifting inside the territorial waters. The vessel may proceed to the anchorage or start drifting outside the territorial waters.

In all particular cases proper instructions will be given to the vessel by the VTS Officer and Coastguard.

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