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Maritime Circular to Maritime Registrars, Shipowners, Masters, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts & Nevis Ships, Classification Societies, Recognised Organisations, Recognised Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this Administration, Seafarers & IMO Member States

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SHIP -TO-SHORE SECURITY ALERTS

Ship Security Alerts Systems, where these are required to be fitted to a ship, should be programmed to initiate and transmit a ship-to-shore security alert (SSA) to the Competent Authority, this being the Company Security Officer (CSO) responsible for the ship or an authorised third party (see below) which has been contracted by the Company. The SSA should also be programmed to be sent to the Department of Maritime Affairs on email address maritimeaffairs@yahoo.com.

When received by the Competent Authority, they are to verify whether the SSA is genuine or not.

The Competent Authority should then send a further email to the Department of Maritime Affairs **AND** to the International Ship Registry to advise whether the SSA is genuine, a false alarm or a test message. This further email should be sent as soon as possible.

If the SSA is genuine,

- The Company Security officer should e-mail to the Department of Maritime Affairs a copy of the crew list and advise the cargo type(s) and quantity(s) on board and any other relevant information.

When a message is sent to maritimeaffairs@yahoo.com confirming that the SSA is genuine:

The Department of Maritime Affairs:

- Will access the IMO database to establish contact details of the nearby coastal states.
- The coastal states will be advised that a security alert has been received from the ship and the ship's position.
- The Director of Maritime Affairs will then liaise with the CSO, St. Kitts & Nevis Coast Guard and coastal state for further action.

Use of authorised third parties for receipt of SSA's

St. Kitts & Nevis Administration recognise that certain owners and managers may have difficulty in monitoring SSA's generated by their ships. Bearing this in mind this Administration recommends owners and managers to the use of a 24/7/365 SSA monitoring service in addition to their own CSO.

A list of authorised third parties is found on the website www.stkittsnevisregistry.net.

However, notwithstanding this recommendation the ultimate responsibility for advising the Department of Maritime Affairs of Ship Security Alerts and any contravention of the Merchant Shipping (Ship & Port Facility Security) Regulations, 2004 rests with the Company & Master.

Yours truly,

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International Registrar of Shipping and Seamen