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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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**REQUIREMENT FOR SHIPS TO BE 'CLASSED'.**

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013, all cargo ships of 500GT and above and all passenger vessels of whatever gross tonnage that apply for registration as a St. Kitts & Nevis flag ship will have to be ~~Classed~~ by a Class Society with which St. Kitts & Nevis has an agreement for the delegation of statutory services and to act as a Recognised Organisation of St. Kitts & Nevis. The ships shall maintain onboard a Class Certificate(s) that certifies that its structure, machinery and electrical equipment are in full compliance with the appropriate International Conventions for the size, type and trade of the ship. See SOLAS Ch.II-1 Reg.3.1.

Existing ships that are currently ~~without Class~~ will be required to enter into Class with one of the aforementioned Society~~s~~ by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

Cargo ships of less than 500GT, non-propelled vessels, wooden vessels, fishing vessels and pleasure yachts are exempt from this requirement, though it is recommended that the owners consider ~~classing~~ them.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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