



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Closure of Ports of Abkhazia, Georgia

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Ship Masters

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to remind Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Ship Masters that foreign vessels are prohibited by the Government of Georgia from entering the ports and adjacent waters of Abkhazia, Georgia.

1. The Government of Georgia informs that a number of ships flying flags of various states were found to have entered the ports of Abkhazia, Georgia, although the IMO had already informed its Member States by Circular letters No. 2290 and No. 3043 that foreign vessels were prohibited by the Government of Georgia from entering the above ports including waters adjacent to the coastline i.e. internal waters, territorial sea, continental shelf and exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The above circular letters can be found on Marine Department Website at (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) attached to this MSIN.
2. Unless special permission has been granted by the Government of Georgia, all vessels are prohibited from entering the ports and adjacent waters of Abkhazia, Georgia. Severe sanctions will be imposed against those vessels which are found to have violated the above provision. Permission to enter the above ports and adjacent waters could be obtained from Georgian missions abroad upon application or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia in Tbilisi.
3. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Ship Masters of Hong Kong registered ships are advised to take necessary precautions and prior permission must be obtained from the Government of Georgia before calling the ports of Abkhazia, Georgia or prior to navigating within the adjacent waters.

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