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**To: Shipowners / Ship Managers and Classification Societies**

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **U.S. COAST GUARD TERMINATION OF ITS 2 MHZ DISTRESS WATCHKEEPING SERVICE**

Please be advised that the United States Coast Guard has issued a marine safety alert regarding COAST GUARD TERMINATION OF ITS 2 MHZ DISTRESS WATCHKEEPING SERVICE. For your easy reference the marine safety alert is attached.

The U.S. Coast Guard will terminate its radio guard of the international voice distress, safety and calling frequency 2182 and the international digital selective calling (DSC) distress and safety frequency 2187.5 kHz with effective from 1 August 2013. Additionally, marine information and weather broadcasts transmitted on 2670 kHz will terminate concurrently.

The U.S. Coast Guard will continue to maintain a continuous watch on VHF FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz) and on existing voice and DSC frequencies in the 4/6/8/12 MHz bands as described in the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Centre website:

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName+cgcommsCall>

Yours faithfully,

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