Communication from the Government of Ukraine

To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Masters

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Circular Letter No. 3453 which provides information relating to the occupation of some ports of Ukraine by the Russian Federation.

1. At the request of the Government of Ukraine, the International Maritime Organization issued IMO Circular Letter No. 3453 to advise that due to the occupation of Yevpatoria, Feodosia, Yalta, Kerch and Sevastopol Sea Ports, as well as Kerch and Sevastopol Sea Fishing Ports by the Russian Federation, Ukrainian authorities are not in a position to manage and control the above ports. The Government of Ukraine declared that the above situation had made it impossible for them to be responsible for the safety and maritime security of vessels using the ports.

2. The Circular Letter No. 3453 can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as an attachment to this Note.

3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators and masters of Hong Kong registered ships are advised to note the information provided in the circular letter and take any necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of their vessels on approaches and in water areas of the abovementioned Sea Ports.

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