Communication from the Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Masters

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Circular Letter No. 3490 which provides information by the Government of Ukraine reiterating that seaports in certain cities are officially closed.

1. At the request of the Government of Ukraine, the International Maritime Organization issued IMO Circular Letter No. 3490 to circulate a Note sent by the Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

2. In the Note, the Embassy of Ukraine stated that, although Russian Side opened five seaports (Yevpatoria, Feodosia, Yalta, Kerch and Sevastopol) for the entry of foreign-flag vessels, Ukraine side has notified that these five seaports are officially closed. It is also considered by Ukraine as illegal for ships under foreign flags to call at closed seaports at the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

3. A copy of IMO Circular Letter No. 3490 can be found in the attachment to this Note on the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html).

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators and masters of Hong Kong registered ships are advised to note the information provided in the circular letter to avoid violating the Law of Ukraine.

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