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To: Shipowners / Ship Managers, Operators, Ship Masters

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Registry
Included on Paris MoU List of "Low Risk Ships"

1. With the introduction of the New Inspection Regime (NIR) the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (PmoU) will change its target of inspecting 25% of individual ships calling at each member State to a shared commitment for full coverage of inspecting all ships visiting PMoU ports. The Target Factor will be replaced by the Ship Risk Profile. The Ship Risk Profile classifies ships into Low Risk Ships (LRS) and High Risk Ships (HRS).
2. Inclusion on the LRS requires a flag State to be on the PMoU white list and that it has satisfactorily completed the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. Vessels with LRS status will have a lower probability of port State control inspections under the PMoU regime.
3. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has met the criteria to be included under its New Inspection Regime into the List of **LRS** under the PMoU.
4. The "List of flag States which meet the criteria for a Low Risk Ships" can be found in the following link:
<http://www.parismou.org/ParismOU/New+Inspection+Regime/Low+Risk+Ships/default.aspx>
5. Taking the opportunity we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year

Yours faithfully,

(Y.K. Li)

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