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To Shipowners, Ship Managers and Master of Hong Kong registered Ships

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Act of Bribery to Port State Control Officers

This office has received notification from other maritime authority that a master of one Hong Kong registered ship was suspected of attempting to offer a cash bribe to a public official during a Port State Control inspection.

2. Reference is made to Marine Department Notice No. 56 of 2019 that anyone, while having dealings of any kind with maritime authority, shall not offer any advantage to a government official, or else, he/she may commit an offence under section 4(1) and/or section 8 of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Chapter 201 of the Laws of Hong Kong), and be liable to a maximum penalty of a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for 7 years.
3. Shipowners, Ship managers and Masters shall take note the lessons learnt and avoid recurrence of similar incidents.

4. Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact us by email, by fax or by telephone.

Yours Faithfully,

(No Signature on website copy)

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Mercantile Marine Office

For Director of Marine

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Marine Department Notice No. 56 of 2019 - Act of Bribery to Public Servants

<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/filemanager/en/share/notices/pdf/mdn19056.pdf>

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