



CIRCULAR MCO – 002-2022

DATE: FEBRUARY 25th, 2022
FROM: MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT
TO: SURVEYORS / MANagements / OWNERS
SUBJECT: UKRANIAN AND RUSSIAN WATERS

Dear All:

By this means, we would like to draw your attention to the contents of the latest Merchant Marine Notice from the Panama Maritime Authority in regards to the security conditions for Panamanian flagged vessels around Ukrainian and Russian waters in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov.

Due to the recent events, it is strongly recommended to avoid transit around the area above mentioned. Vessels sailing around the Black Sea and Sea of Azov must maintain the utmost vigilance and increased security conditions onboard in order to protect vessel and crew.

It is strongly recommended to follow the recommendations below:

- Undertake ship and voyage specific threat risk assessment before entering a region where there has been incidents or threat level changed
- Review the ship security plan
- Review section 2 of the BMP5
- Keep strict vigilant bridge watches, also strict communication watch in order to establish communications with vessels close and around
- Check all fire fighting equipment, in order to be ready and available if needed
- AIS on, at all times.

Vessels trading in this area are expected to comply with the international requirements related to position reporting, penalties will be applied if vessels fail to formally report through AIS or LRIT.

Note: MMN-003-2022 attached for reference.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gustavo", is written over a circular stamp. The stamp contains the MACOSNAR CORPORATION logo and the text "MACOSNAR CORPORATION" and "PANAMA".

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