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Maritime Circular to Maritime Registrars, Shipowners, Masters, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts & Nevis Ships, Classification Societies, Recognised Organisations, Recognised Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this SKANReg, Seafarers & IMO Member States

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ANNUAL INSPECTION PROGRAMME FOR HIGH RISK VESSELS

This Maritime Circular is to inform all Ship-owners, Managers and Operators of St. Kitts and Nevis vessels that with effect of 01 January 2017, a Preventative Annual Inspection carried out by an appointed Flag State Inspector will be required for any vessels that this Administration considers a High Risk to the registry.

Presently, Flag State Inspections are only carried out when a vessel is detained and the detention is recorded against the Flag State Administration and the vessel.

The Annual Inspection Programme is designed to help the ship owner/managers in sustaining the safety record of the vessel in various Port State Control regimes, to prevent further detentions and avoid the associated operational delays and charges imposed.

Vessels may be considered as a High Risk should they have:

- 1 or more Port State Control Inspections where 10 or more deficiencies are recorded against the vessel, or
- 1 or more Port State Control Detentions are recorded.

This Administration will inform Ship-owners, Managers and Operators of the vessels listing through their Maritime Registrar and request the Annual Inspection to be organised. Upon a vessel being considered as a High Risk ship, Owners and Managers of the vessel will need to submit the vessel for inspection, with inspection fees to the owners account:

- Within 3 months of the notification of High Risk status, or
- The next port call within Paris MOU or Tokyo MOU

While the Preventative Annual Inspection is not Mandatory, should the Inspection be declined and a further Detention recorded against the vessel within the 9-month period following the inspection window, this may result in the vessels' registration being terminated.

Vessels may be downgraded from "High Risk" following 2 satisfactory Port State Control or Flag State Inspection following the High Risk listing.

Yours truly,

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