



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: St. Kitts & Nevis circular on Maritime Cyber Risk Management.

- In modern shipping industry to operate, monitor, control physical processes etc, the exchange of information and electronic data between ship and shore has increased significantly. This information and electronic data exchange is required to be protected from the likelihood of cyber-attacks.
- To address these issues and raising awareness on cyber risk threats and vulnerabilities, IMO has adopted resolution MSC.428 (98) on “Maritime Cyber Risk Management in Safety Management Systems”.
- Bases on above, St. Kitts & Nevis administration has issued a circular no. MC/76/18 on Maritime Cyber Risk Management providing information on guidance provided by IMO through above MSC resolution.
- Cyber risks are required to be addressed in safety management system no later than the first annual verification of the company’s Document of Compliance after 1st January 2021.
- Administration has recommended companies to take necessary actions to safeguard shipping from current and emerging cyber risks.
- Cyber risk management procedures and plans are required to be included in line with the existing security and safety risk management requirements contained in the International Safety Management (ISM) Code and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.
- Also companies have been advised to refer the latest version of Guidelines on Cyber Security Onboard Ships developed by BIMCO, CLIA, ICS, INTERCARGO and INTERTANKO.
- Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. St. Kitts & Nevis maritime circular no. MC/76/18



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