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TO: All Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships flying Georgia Flag, Masters and Officers, Recognized Organizations, Flag State Inspectors, Recognized Agents.

Subject : Operating Requirements in the event of Loss of Anchor

1. Purpose:

1.1 The purpose of this circular is to inform all Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships flying Georgia Flag, Masters and Officers, Recognized Organizations, Flag State Inspectors, Recognized Agents, appointed surveys regarding the operational requirements and procedures in the event of the loss of anchor.

2. Background:

2.1 Loss of anchors are the root causes of many groundings and collisions and the crew and Officers need to be aware of the risks and assess them thoroughly, especially in heavy weather conditions.

2.2 Most of the cases of anchor loss could be prevented with proper inspection, maintenance, following operational procedures and awareness on the limitations of the anchoring system, as per the manufacturer's instructions.

3. Introduction:

3.1 In order to demonstrate safe operation of vessels with the mentioned circumstances, Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia (hereinafter referred as MTA) is giving an instruction to its Recognized Organizations (ROs) involved in the statutory survey and certification of Georgian registered vessels to comply with the following outlined procedure.

4. Procedure:

4.1 When the loss of anchor happens (take place, occurs), shipowner/manager/operator/ RO/port authorities are obliged to report to the MTA immediately with corresponding follow-up actions taken by them.

4.2 When the loss of anchor happens (take place, occurs), the Recognized organizations (RO) are authorized to issue **a Short Term Safety Construction Certificate or report on occasional survey or other certificate/documents**, providing relevant recommendations with regard to the term of validity of the certificate, special operational or construction considerations, and the Owner's corrective action plan.

4.3 The Short Term Safety Construction Certificate or report on occasional survey or other certificate/documents shall contain the following information:

- At the discretion of Master, Tug assistance is to be provided, while entering & leaving port and while navigating in confined waters, and etc;
- Whilst at (remained / available) anchor, Main Engine / propulsion should be available in stand-by mode at any time (In ready mode depending on weather / navigational conditions).

4.4 Upon the request of the shipowners, based on the national law and international Convention MTA shall issue an Exemption letter.

5. Contact Details:

5.1 Recognized Organizations, Shipowner, ship operator or Management Company of a ship flying the Georgian flag, may contact on below information for Additional consultations and assistance.

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