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MARINE CIRCULAR 19/2012

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TO : Ship Owners, Managers, Charterers, Ship Master and the Shipping Community

SUBJECT : Vessels contravening international and national regulations while anchoring in the vicinity of Malaysia territorial waters.

This Circular is to bring to the attention that there have been an increasing number of vessels detained by the Malaysian Maritime Agency Enforcement for illegally anchoring within Malaysia territorial waters without reporting their arrival on Malaysian water and possibly committing the following contraventions:

1. The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs), especially anchoring their vessels in the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) posing itself as a navigational hazard to passing vessels;
2. Anchoring over known positioned submarine cables on the navigational charts with the possibility of damaging them;
3. Conducting illegal Ship-to-Ship oil transfer operations without the permission of the relevant Malaysian Authority, which may cause pollution to the marine environment; and
4. Carrying out illegal activities contravening international and national regulations of Malaysia.

Owners, managers and agents are to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of the Master and Officers on their vessels, for their immediate compliance.

The Registry will not hesitate to take punitive actions against offenders who are found to have committed the above contraventions.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Registrar
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