

NOTICE

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General Directorate of the Merchant Marine of Honduras

SHIP SECURITY ADVISORY

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Company Security Officers, and Recognized Security Organizations.

Subject: GEOPOLITICAL CONFLICT - UKRAINE, BLACK SEA, SEA OF AZOV.

REFERENCES:

1. NATO shipping Centre - Situation on the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov
2. Risk Intelligence - Russia-Ukraine situation: Implications for shipping and port operations.
3. Joint War Committee - JWLA-028 Black Sea and Sea of Azov.
4. Dryad Global - Reports of Vessels Targeted off Ukraine.

Effective immediately, the Maritime Administrator of Honduras (the "Administrator") is requiring a setting of SHIP SECURITY LEVEL III for all Honduras -registered Vessels operating in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of Ukraine or Russia within the Black Sea.

Commercial vessels should not attempt to enter the Sea of Azov since access will be denied by Russian military forces. This requirement will be closely monitored and amended as appropriate.

Due to the recent events in the Ukrainian and Russian Waters in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov, the Honduras Maritime Administration strongly encourage to follow the guidelines listed below and, on the document issued by members of the maritime industry and stake holders;

GUIDANCE

- Commercial vessels are advised to avoid any transit or operation within the EEZ of Ukraine or Russia within the Black Sea. Access to the Sea of Azov through the Kerch Strait is currently blocked by Russian forces.
- All Ukrainian ports have been closed by the Ukrainian military. If a vessel is located at a Ukrainian port, plans to depart should be arranged as soon as safely possible.
- Access to the northwest Black Sea, north of 45° 21' is restricted by the Russian Navy.

- Vessels must ensure the automatic identification system (AIS) is always transmitting (except when the master believes that continuing to operate AIS might compromise the safety or security of the ship or when a security incident is imminent), consistent with provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), and monitor VHF Channel 16, additionally, we want to remind all Honduras flag vessels transiting or in Ukrainian Ports that according to Merchant Marine Circulars, all Honduran flagged vessels under the SOLAS V/19 regulation must comply with LRIT requirements.
- Armed security personnel are not to be embarked while operating in the Black Sea.

REPORTING:

In the event of any incident or suspicious activity, Honduras-flagged vessels should notify the Administrator, the NATO Shipping Center (NSC) and activate the Ship Security Alert System.

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