



## TECHNICAL ALERT No. 15-05

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### Fraudulent PSC Requests for Ship's Information

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) has been advised by the Caribbean MoU of incidents involving requests for ship's information from parties claiming to be representatives of Port State Control (PSC).
- 1.2. The Bahamas Maritime Authority wishes to bring the information referenced in Paragraph 2 to the attention of interested parties.

#### 2. Description

- 2.1. The Danish Maritime Authority has advised the Caribbean MoU that a Dutch ship received a message, allegedly from a PSC Captain at the Danish port of Esbjerg, requesting various ship's information.
- 2.2. In addition, Cyprus alerted Paris MoU to a similar message in 2014, allegedly from a PSC Captain at the Cypriot port of Limassol.
- 2.3. In both cases, the alleged PSC officer does not exist and the messages were not sent from the respective PSC Authorities. Both messages were sent from the email address [government@portstatecontrol.co](mailto:government@portstatecontrol.co).
- 2.4. The messages both request various ship's details including waste removal, bunker notifications, crew lists and port services required during the port visit.
- 2.5. It is believed that the intention is to obtain documents with the signature of the Master and the ship's stamp. The signature and stamp are then transferred to a fictional bill for services allegedly done in the port, which is presented to the shipowner for payment.

- 2.6. Masters of Bahamian ships are requested to take note of the above and advised to treat any messages received from the address [government@portstatecontrol.co](mailto:government@portstatecontrol.co) with suspicion.
- 2.7. The authenticity of any such emails should be checked with the ship's agents and/or local authorities.
- 2.8. The BMA requests that any such emails are forwarded to the Inspections & Surveys department ([tech@bahamasmaritime.com](mailto:tech@bahamasmaritime.com)).

### **3. Validity**

- 3.1. This alert is valid until further notice.

### **4. Revision History**

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