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## United States of America Executive Order on Venezuela

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Technical Alert is provided by The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) to bring the information referenced in Section 2 below to the attention of interested parties.
- 1.2. This Technical Alert supersedes Technical Alert 21-04.

### 2. General

- 2.1. The Bahamas maintains its long-standing position of respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law and commits its support to the people of Venezuela and in this context, The Government of The Bahamas has recognized Juan Guaidó, President of the National Assembly, as Interim President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
- 2.2. In line with this recognition, The Bahamas may consider undertaking appropriate measures in relation to Bahamian Companies and/or Bahamian flagged ships that engage in Venezuelan trade.
- 2.3. The BMA further wishes to highlight to all parties the Executive Order signed by the President of the United States of America (USA) on Venezuela<sup>1</sup> and the associated extension of USA sanctioning of any vessels involved in Venezuelan trade. Owners and managers are strongly advised to seek independent legal advice on the potential implications of US sanctions as a result of involvement in Venezuelan trade.
- 2.4. Furthermore, owners and managers are advised that there is ongoing monitoring of all Bahamas flagged ships operating in the port areas of Venezuelan territorial waters.
- 2.5. **AIS and LRIT systems shall be operational at all times**, in accordance with SOLAS Chapter V. Any fault with AIS or LRIT systems must be reported to BMA via the Recognised Organisation without delay.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-imposes-maximum-pressure-on-former-maduro-regime/>

**3. Validity**

- 3.1. This Technical Alert is valid until further notice.