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## Russia and Ukraine

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Technical Alert is provided by The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) to bring the information referenced below to the attention of interested parties.

### 2. Companies and/or Bahamian ships that engage in trade to Russia and/or are owned/operated by Russian entities

- 2.1. The Bahamas urges all parties to respect the safety and security of all vessels, including those flying The Bahamas flag, operating in or near the region.
- 2.2. The BMA wishes to highlight to all parties that the sanctions imposed against Russia by the United States of America (USA), United Kingdom (UK), and European Union (EU) may directly affect any vessels owned or operated by Russian entities and/or involved in trade to Russia.
- 2.3. Owners and managers **are strongly advised to seek independent legal advice** on the potential implications of the sanctions as a result of Russian ownership, operation, financing, insurance or involvement in Russian trade.

### 3. Russian and Ukrainian Seafarers working on Bahamian ships

- 3.1. All Certificates of Competency/Proficiency that are issued by the Ukrainian authorities and which have expired on 01 March 2020 or later have extended validity until 31 December 2023 or until the seafarer's SEA expires.
- 3.2. The validity of Bahamas Certificates of Recognition (endorsements) that are issued for recognition of Ukrainian Certificates that are issued in accordance with paragraph 3.2 of this alert are automatically extended until 31 December 2023. Ukraine has not reported that validity of CoC's should be valid beyond 31 December 2023. If Ukrainian seafarers are serving on Seafarer's Employment Agreements that were signed prior to 31 December 2023, but their Certificates of competency have expired 31 December, companies must apply for a dispensation for the seafarer in question for the period the seafarer remains onboard.

**4. Monitoring**

- 4.1. Owners and managers are advised that there is ongoing monitoring of all Bahamas flagged ships operating in the sea and port areas of Ukraine and Russia.
- 4.2. **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 without delay.

**5. Queries**

- 5.1. Queries on this Notice may be addressed as follows:
  - i. In relation to ship ownership/financing/insurance etc: [reg@bahamasmaritime.com](mailto:reg@bahamasmaritime.com)
  - ii. In relation to ship technical and operational issues: [tech@bahamasmaritime.com](mailto:tech@bahamasmaritime.com)
  - iii. In relation to sanctions: [ma@bahamasmaritime.com](mailto:ma@bahamasmaritime.com)
  - iv. In relation to seafarers and MLC: [stcw@bahamasmaritime.com](mailto:stcw@bahamasmaritime.com)

**6. Validity**

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

**7. Revisions**

- V1 First issue
- V2 Correction to section 3