

Russia and Ukraine

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. Companies¹ 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.
- 2.4. Owners, charterers, and operators should conduct thorough due diligence to identify and address any potential issues related to sanctions or other prohibited activities before entering Russian ports.
- 2.5. Ships operating in the Black Sea, and Russian ports in the Black Sea in particular, may face significant risks due to the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, including the threat of direct attacks, collateral damage, and the presence of mines.
- 2.6. Should any Bahamian ship be sanctioned by the USA, EU, UK, or The Bahamas itself, the likely outcome is removal from the register.

¹ The "Company" is the entity responsible for the management of the ship in accordance with the ISM Code. For ships which the ISM Code is not applicable, the Company is the Managing Owner in accordance with section 52 of the Merchant Shipping Act (Ch.268).

3. Russian and Ukrainian Seafarers working on Bahamian ships

- 3.1. If Certificates of Competency (CoCs) or other certificates which need to be endorsed expire while seafarers are onboard, the Company is advised to contact the BMA Seafarers and Manning Department (stcw@bahamasmaritime.com) to find a solution.

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
 - ii. In relation to ship technical and operational issues: tech@bahamasmaritime.com
 - iii. In relation to sanctions: ma@bahamasmaritime.com
 - iv. In relation to seafarers and MLC: stcw@bahamasmaritime.com

6. Validity

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