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**TO: SHIPOWNERS OF GEORGIAN FLAGGED VESSELS
REGISTRAR AGENTS
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GEORGIA SHIPS REGISTRY
WITHIN THE PARIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (PARIS MOU)**

Maritime Transport Department has got very much concerned by the number of detention of vessels of Georgia Ships Registry and Maritime Transport Department considers it necessary to enhance technical and administrative measures, in order to improve the performance of the Georgia Ships Registry within the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (Paris MOU).

With the purpose of decreasing the number of detentions MTD has taken a decision to carry out EU ports pre-entry inspection by a Recognized Organization, to all vessels which next port of call is within a member country of the Paris MOU. This EU ports pre-entry inspection will be performed by a Recognized Organization and communicated to MTD, prior to the vessels departure to a port located within a country member of the Paris MOU.

Such EU ports pre-entry inspection must cover all conditions related to all national and international regulations applicable to the vessel, in such a way that the Recognized Organization that carries out the inspection, guarantees that the vessel is in compliance with the national or international standards applicable in its entirety.

This EU ports pre-entry inspection will have a validity of (6) months and can be advanced with the purpose to make it concurrent with the annual, intermediate, or renewal survey, but it may not be delayed for these same reasons.

The operators and owners are under the obligation to request the EU ports pre-entry inspection ahead of time to the Recognized Organization. It is the obligation of the Recognized Organization, which certifies the vessel, to notify the operators and owners the need to conduct such inspection under the conditions established by this Circular.

MTD can authorize a detailed special or follow-up Flag State Inspection by a Flag State Inspector, which will have a validity of six (6) months.

MTD will take measures against Recognized Organizations or Flag State Inspectors that perform the inspections mentioned in this Circular, if a vessel is detained within the Paris MOU jurisdiction immediately after an EU ports pre-entry inspection as described above has been carried out.

That those vessels which do not perform the obligatory EU ports pre-entry inspection and are detained by a Maritime Authority member of the Paris MOU, can be subject to deletion from the registry

Georgia Registry vessels which are detained; at least two (2) times by Port State Control inspections within a six (6) months period could be cancelled by the Head Office from the Registry.

Technical monitoring of all vessels certificates carry out by national Recognizing Organization and must include, among other things, a review of the history of detentions of the ship.

The Maritime Transport Department could reject the registration of any vessel which detentions denote a high degree of non compliance with the International Conventions ratified by Georgia, and thus affecting the performance of the reputation of Georgia registry fleet.

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