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To : All accredited shipping managers, DPAs and CSOs

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SHIP SECURITY ALERT SYSTEM (SSAS)

Recommendation for Alert Message forwarding

During recent SSAS alert tests, but also on the occasion of real piracy related events, it was noticed that sometimes valuable time is lost between the moment the SSAS alert is triggered and when the Luxembourg authorities (Police) are informed.

Some reports indicate that this could be due to the fact that the SSAS alert is send out by email and most Company Security Officer (CSO)'s email accounts are not monitored 24/7. The use of an email forwarding system is therefore strongly recommended; such a system (SMS gateway or similar) allows for any incoming message from a predetermined email address or with predetermined content to be automatically forwarded to a 24/7 cell/smart phone.

Reminder (Circular 02/2014):

All SSAS alert messages initiated on board of a Luxembourg registered vessel shall be transmitted to the CSO on shore.

After having verified that the alert is related to a real threat, the CSO forwards the SSAS alert message to the Police Intervention Centre (CIN): CIN@police.etat.lu .

The following information is to be included in the message:

- name and IMO number of the ship concerned
- ship's latest position
- type of threat sustained by the ship
- contact details of the CSO (in order to initiate immediate contact).

If the CSO does not have immediate access to Internet services, the above mentioned information should be transmitted by phone to the CIN: **+352 4997 2346**.

The same procedure is to be applied to all SSAS related tests !

This circular should be of interest to shipowners, managers, masters and officers. Accredited shipping managers are kindly requested to make sure that this circular is properly distributed to the respective staffs or companies intervening in the management of the ships.



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