



ST KITTS & NEVIS INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY

MARITIME CIRCULAR – MC 113 22

SECURITY ALERT RAISED TO LEVEL 2 FOR SHIPS OPERATING WITHIN THE BLACK SEA

1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of this Maritime Circular is to advise Shipowner and Ship Managers of St Kitts and Nevis vessels that with immediate effect, Security Level II (2) should be applied to all ships that are currently transiting within the Black Sea and in particular, the EEZ of Ukraine or Russia.

2. Application

2.1. Further to the ongoing situation between Russian and Ukrainian Governments, the Department of Maritime Affairs has raised the security level to II (2) in accordance with the provisions of SOLAS Chapter XI-2, Regulation 3 & 7. All other trading areas outside of this region will remain at level I (1).

2.2. The increment of the security level will remain in force until further notice.

3. Recommendations

3.1. Shipowners and Ship Managers are recommended to:

- Undertake a new ship and voyage specific threat risk assessment before entering any region where there has been an incident, or the threat has changed.
- After the risk assessment, review the Ship's Security Plan.
- Review section 2 of BMP5, which outlines non-piracy threats and the Global Counter-Piracy Guidance.
- Maintain a full and vigilant bridge watches; Note: at night, slow small boats with no wake are difficult to spot on radar.
- Maintain a strict communication watch and establish communication with all vessels coming close. Do not allow small boats to approach or to come alongside. Use a searchlight for identification at night.
- Ensure strict boarding controls in place.
- Only lower accommodation gangways or ladders when necessary.
- Rig outboard lighting where possible provided when they do not interfere with keeping a safe lookout, particularly over the stern and rig/use searchlights if available.
- Monitor relevant VHF and other communication channels.
- Check all fire-fighting equipment available for immediate use. Make sure the emergency fire pump is available if any maintenance is being undertaken.
- Keep the Automatic Information System (AIS) on. There is no need to complete the field stating the last or next port of call.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Liam Ryan', written over a white background.

Liam Ryan
International Registrar of Shipping and Seamen

