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SUBJECT: **Internal Audit Services facilitated by Liberian Registry**

Reference:
    a) **International Safety Management (ISM) Code – IMO Resolution A.741(18)**
    b) **International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities**
    c) **Marine Notice ISM-001 Rev. 07/20**
    d) **Marine Notice ISP-001 Rev. 07/20**

Dear Shipowner/Operator/DPA/CSO:

The purpose of this Marine Advisory is to advise Owners, Operators, Designated Persons and Company Security Officers that the Administration, through SeaNet, can easily and cost-effectively facilitate ISM and ISPS **Internal Audits** aboard ships of the Liberian flag, non-Liberian flag, and Ashore.

Background:

SeaNet Verification Services, a partner of the Liberian Registry, offers an internal audit service which acts as a facilitator to connect professional auditors available to conduct internal ISM/ISPS audits.
The purpose of this service is to reduce the burden of shipowners, operators and managers, and to provide more flexibility on the location and timing of internal audits.
SeaNet has over 300 professionally trained & experienced ISM/ISPS auditors in major ports around the world.

SeaNet offers service to Liberian and non-Liberian flagged vessels.
Benefits of the Internal Audit Program

- Receive a high caliber audit conducted by a professionally trained and experienced ISM/ISPS auditor.
- Flexibility around the location of your internal audits.
- Meet internal audit requirements and annual deadlines required by your Safety Management System.
- Reduce company travel expenses.
- Save time and meet deadlines by reducing technical staff workload.

Definitions:

Client – Shipowner or Operator who wish to obtain Internal Audits service from SeaNet
Facilitator – SeaNet Verification Services LLC
Audit - internal ISM/ISPS audit services as described by The International Safety Management Code, Part

A section 12 "Company verification, review and evaluation," and the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, Part A section 11 paragraph 11.5 "arranging for internal Audits and reviews of security activities"

Implementation

Whereas a Client wishes to perform internal Audit in respect of one or more ships for compliance with the International Safety Management Code and the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, SeaNet can be contacted in order to facilitate the process. Facilitator's role is to timely determine availability and schedule an Auditor to perform the internal Audit.

An Auditor who has conducted an internal Audit on behalf of a Client may not conduct external audits of the same ship, while the Client is the same company listed on the Document of Compliance and during the period of validity of the ship's Safety Management Certificate and/or International Ship Security Certificate.

The Facilitator or Liberian Registry will not:
    .1 Provide any guidance or instruction to the Auditor on the conduct of the Clients internal Audit.
    .2 Receive and/or review Clients internal Audit reports prepared by the Auditor.

Prior the SeaNet Verification Services are used a Letter of Understanding should be signed by the Facilitator and the Client where vessels subject to Audit are included.

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