



# TUVALU SHIP REGISTRY

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION  
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The Tuvalu Ship Registry had, on 16 August 2012, informed all parties concerned that it will proceed with the de-registration of all NITC tankers and any possible Iranian-linked vessels that are flagged under Tuvalu.

Accordingly, the Tuvalu Ship Registry had, on 10 September 2012, provided a schedule for the de-registration process and disseminated the information to all relevant port authorities and classification societies.

The Tuvalu Ship Registry today issues this Press Release to formally inform and declare to all parties concerned that the de-registration process of the NITC tankers and any possible Iranian-linked vessels is complete and there is not a single NITC vessel or Iranian-linked vessel registered under the Tuvalu flag as of 21 September 2012.

Any persons and/or organizations that are presented with vessel documents issued by Tuvalu belonging to any of the NITC vessels listed in our press release dated 10 September 2012 are advised to exercise vigilance and caution and reject the acceptance of these registry certificates as the registration of the vessels are officially closed and as such the certificates are no longer valid and should not be used for any purpose.

For any verification or clarification, please contact us at: [info@tvship.com](mailto:info@tvship.com)

Thank you for your kind attention.

Registrar