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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Masters and Ship Officers

VESSELS ANCHORING OUTSIDE SINGAPORE WATERS

We have received information that there has been an increasing number of vessels anchoring outside Singapore waters, especially in the eastern and western approaches to the Port of Singapore. Owners whose ships are transiting or coming into the Port of Singapore are very concerned with the risk of collision.

In view of the above concerns, we have been notified by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) to inform all owners and masters to adhere to all navigational safety rules when entering or leaving the Port of Singapore. As the Straits of Malacca and Singapore is a narrow and crucial shipping lane, all responsible owners and masters of vessels:

1. Should adhere strictly to the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (ColRegs);
2. Should not anchor their vessels in the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS); and
3. Should avoid anchoring over any submarine cables which are shown in the navigational charts.

Vessels entering the Port of Singapore for taking bunkers or ship supplies are strongly advised to take advantage of the special anchorages set up for the purpose.

Tuvalu Ship Registry will not hesitate to take punitive actions against masters and officers who are found to have negligently contravened the TSS and anchoring over any submarine cables. In addition, owners will be held fully liable for any damage caused to any submarine cables.

Owners, managers and agents are requested to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of masters and officers.

Yours sincerely,

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