

TUVALU SHIP REGISTRY

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION FUNAFUTI, TUVALU

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The Tuvalu Ship Registry has, on 10 August 2012, received official notice from the Government of Tuvalu to proceed with the de-registration of the NITC tankers and any possible Iranian-linked vessels that are flagged under Tuvalu.

The Tuvalu Ship Registry has commenced de-registering the NITC tankers and any other possible Iranian-linked vessels. All affected owners / managers had been notified.

We expect the de-registration process to be completed in the shortest time practicable to ensure the safety of the vessels, the marine environment, and the lives onboard.