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Subject: Entry into force of the law of 20 December 2024 on the improvement of maritime security

To: *All Accredited Shipping Managers, ship owners, ship operators, Masters, DPA's, CSO's, SSO's, RO's, RSO's and Flag State Inspectors*

On December 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, the Luxembourg Parliament adopted a law on maritime security. It was published in Memorial A603 on 27 December 2024 and came into force on 31 December 2024.

This law aligns with international and EU maritime safety regulations, emphasizing robust enforcement, clear accountability, and enhanced security measures to safeguard ships and ports.

The adoption of this law contributes to the modernization Luxembourg's maritime legislation, improves its clarity and provides for a reassessment of criminal sanctions.

Indeed, the legislation reaffirms the authority of the Government Commissioner for Maritime Affairs to supervise ship security, conduct inspections and issue International Ship Security Certificates valid for up to five years. Recognised organisations may be authorised to act as security organisations (RSOs) to assist in the implementation of security measures, but they must meet strict requirements of competence, independence and impartiality. Authorised RSOs are periodically evaluated, and their authorization may be revoked for breaches of compliance. Existent authorised RSOs do not need to request a new authorisation.

Administrative and penal sanctions ensure strict enforcement. Ships failing to meet security standards may face fines, operational bans, or withdrawal of certification, while individuals responsible for serious violations risk imprisonment and significant fines.

Adequate dissemination of this information within your company and to the Luxembourg flagged vessels which are affected is requested.



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for maritime affairs