

Russia and Ukraine Situation

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Technical Alert is provided by The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) to bring the information referenced below to the attention of interested parties.

2. Companies and/or Bahamian ships that engage in trade to Russia and/or are owned/operated by Russian entities

- 2.1. The Bahamas urges all parties to respect the safety and security of all vessels, including those flying The Bahamas flag, operating in or near the region.
- 2.2. The BMA wishes to highlight to all parties that the sanctions imposed against Russia by the United States of America (USA), United Kingdom (UK), and European Union (EU) may directly affect any vessels owned or operated by Russian entities and/or involved in trade to Russia.
- 2.3. Owners and managers **are strongly advised to seek independent legal advice** on the potential implications of the sanctions as a result of Russian ownership, operation, financing, insurance or involvement in Russian trade.

3. Russian and Ukrainian Seafarers working on Bahamian ships

- 3.1. Notwithstanding the obligations in accordance with the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 and other relevant international maritime conventions, owners and managers employing Russian or Ukrainian seafarers are strongly advised to seek independent legal advice on their potential liabilities.

4. Monitoring

- 4.1. Owners and managers are advised that there is ongoing monitoring of all Bahamas flagged ships operating in the sea and port areas of Ukraine and Russia.
- 4.2. **AIS and LRIT systems shall be operational at all times**, in accordance with SOLAS Chapter V. Any fault with AIS or LRIT systems must be reported to BMA without delay.

5. Queries

5.1. Queries on this Notice may be addressed as follows:

- i. In relation to ship ownership/financing/insurance etc: reg@bahamasmaritime.com
- ii. In relation to ship technical and operational issues: tech@bahamasmaritime.com
- iii. In relation to sanctions: ma@bahamasmaritime.com
- iv. In relation to seafarers and MLC: stcw@bahamasmaritime.com

6. Validity

6.1. This Technical Alert is valid until further notice.