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NAVIGATION IN THE SEA AREA SURROUNDING JAPAN IN THE WAKE OF THE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI OF 11 MARCH 2011 – UPDATED IMO CIRCULAR

To :

Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Masters

Summary

This Note promulgates IMO Circular letter No.3175/Rev.1 relating to navigation in the sea area surrounding Japan in the wake of the earthquake and tsunami of 11 March 2011. This IMO Circular letter informs concerned parties that radioactive material spreading outside Japan into the global atmosphere do not present any health or transportation safety hazards due to extremely low concentrations.

1. The IMO has issued the Circular letter No.3175/Rev.1 to provide parties concerned with updated information for navigation in the sea area surrounding Japan in the wake of the earthquake and tsunami of 11 March 2011. This Circular letter provides some additional links that may be helpful for concerned parties to monitor the radiation dose in Tokyo Bay as well as all aspects of response of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan.
2. Owners and operators with vessels visiting Japanese ports in the near future should obtain frequent updates from their local agents in Japan and monitor the official websites of Japanese Government and the relevant UN organizations. Master should also update crew members on the available information collected from relevant websites.

Best Regards,

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