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Notice to : ShipOwners / Managers / Operators.

Dear Sirs ,

Taking into account UN General Assembly Resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014, Ukraine closed the seaports in the cities of Feodosiya, Kerch, Sevastopol, Yalta and Yevpatoriya starting from 15 July 2014 until the complete restoration of constitutional law and order and effective control by Ukraine over the occupied territory. Ukraine also duly informed IMO Member States about that decision (Circular Letters Nos.3477 and 3490) and called on maritime administrations to take measures to prevent violations of the sovereignty of Ukraine.

At the 98th session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (7-16 June 2017), the Committee also noted information provided by Ukraine (MSC 98/INF.9, attached) on closure of seaports in the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine.

Ukraine considers that use of illegal points of entry into Crimea by vessels flying a foreign flag undermines the sovereignty of Ukraine, contrary to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 68/262 of 27 March 2014, violates Ukrainian laws, and entails criminal, administrative and civil responsibility of ship-owners, ship operators and ship masters.

Moreover, on 19 June 2017, the EU Council extended the restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol by Russia (<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2017/06/19-crimea-sevastopol-eu-extends-sanctions/>). In particular, there is a ban on imports of goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol unless they have Ukrainian certificates.

Therefore based on the above the Togolese maritime administration recommends to all ship owners to avoid calling the ports of the disputed area of Crimea until further notice, otherwise relative measures will be taken such as canceling the registration of the vessel from the registry of Togo in case owners will not abide to our directives.

Sincerely,
For the International Ship Registry of Togo
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