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Subject: Measures to be implemented in case of switching off the AIS And LRIT of any Vessel flying the Togo Flag

To: All Ship owners, Managers, Masters, Agents, and Deputy Registrars

The purpose of this circular of the Togolese International Ship registry, is to communicate to all interested parties, including Ship Owners, Operators and Masters, the sanctions to those Togolese Vessels that deliberately deactivate the LRIT and the AIS.

This Administration has decided to enter into force, with immediate effect, the below described guidelines and measures to all Togolese vessels in respect to the function of the LRIT and AIS:

1. It is mandatory to keep the LRIT and AIS devices continuously and properly functioning.
2. In the cases where the Owners / Operators of a Togolese vessel, have certain reasons to believe that the continual operation of the AIS and or LRIT might compromise the safety / security of the ship (e.g. in waters prone for piracy), or in cases that there are international agreements, rules, or standards according to which the continuous operation of AIS and LRIT is not permitted, the International Registry of Togo / The Registrar must be informed on time.
3. In case of malfunctioning of the LRIT or AIS devices, Owners/Managers/Masters should immediately notify, with supporting evidence, the Togolese Maritime Administration/ The Registrar.
4. It's forbidden to place units, devices or any element or to perform procedures that may interfere with the operation of the LRIT or AIS.
5. Togo Maritime Administration can inspect the vessel at any time, and request documentation and justification from the personnel in charge of LRIT or AIS devices.
6. The deactivation of LRIT or AIS will initiate an investigation from the Togolese Maritime Administration / The Registrar.
7. Ships having deactivated the LRIT and AIS devices and Owners / Managers not responding as required, may force The Togolese Maritime Administration / The Registrar to take measures, by stop offering any service to the ship, or impose a penalty, or even by cancelling the registration ex officio.

The Togolese Maritime Administration urges all Owners / Managers / Masters to respect the SOLAS requirements and to obey U.N resolutions for prohibited or sanctioned ports. Failure to do so will force the international community to take measures against the vessels and their owners or managers.

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