

To: Japan P&I Club

From: DIAS Marine Consultants, Odessa, Ukraine

Dear Sirs,

We would like to inform you about the growing tendency observed at the Ukrainian ports - their attitude is getting tougher in respect of the tally count requirements. Especially it concerns **Ilyichevsk Sea Commercial Port**, the second largest port in Ukraine neighboring Odessa port, where, as you may remember, in case of loading of steel cargoes the Master is not allowed to insert any remarks concerning the cargo quantity into the cargo documents and has to accept the figures of the port's tally and sign "clean" documents accordingly unless an independent tally team, appointed on behalf of the ship, counted the cargo loaded and regularly countersigned tally sheets with the port's tallymen. The Masters of the ships calling at this port would be served with a notification about this requirement and had to acknowledge the receipt of it by signing the relevant letter.

Recently this practice - tally count of the cargo by the ship's representatives has become mandatory not only in Ilyichevsk, but also in Odessa and Yuzhny ports. It has been enacted by way of the relevant requirements being inserted into the Code of Customs of Ilyichevsk Sea Port.

Now, in the contracts/agreements the port concluded with the ship's agents it is specified that the agents shall warn the Shipowners/Masters about this port's requirement before the vessel's call at the port so that to avoid idle stay and delay of the ship which may be caused by the ship's failure to appoint a tally team for the cargo count opportunely.

In light of the above-stated, we would like to draw your attention once again to the necessity of liaising with the correspondents and appointment of the independent tally team for count of the steel cargoes in advance of the vessel's call to Ukrainian ports, especially ports of Ilyichevsk, Odessa and Yuzhny not only with a view to elude shortage claims at the port of discharge, but also to avoid possible delays of the ship caused by the failure to satisfy the port's requirements.

Sincerely yours,

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