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To the Members

Dear Sirs,

Ukraine – Ballast Water Inspection Problems (3)

We would like to draw your attention to Japan P&I News No.787 dated 1 December 2015.

We have obtained updated information on the captioned topic by our correspondent in Ukraine, DIAS Marine Consulting PC. Please find attached circular.

There have been two cases that the ecological inspectors illegally demanded of the Masters to give them samples of the ballast in the ports of Odessa and Illychevsk.

The correspondents warn that the ships should NOT allow the ecological inspector to take samples of the ballast NOR any ship's documentation on the ballast operation. In case of any trouble with the inspector, please inform the P&I Correspondent as well as the ship's agent immediately.

Yours faithfully,

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Attachment: Information provided by DIAS Marine Consulting PC

Notification: “ Ecological inspectors try to even the score ”

In our previous notifications we were happy to report that in all Ukrainian ports, except for Nikolaev region, the vicious practice of ecological inspectors raiding and attacking the ships to check-up on the segregated ballast was almost over.

This was true till the 11th of August 2016. And then, within just 3 days, we learnt about 2 cases of impudent fraud (in Odessa and Illyichevsk ports) when ecological inspectors, using fraudulent and unlawful means, tried to make the Masters of the foreign ships give them samples of segregated ballast. In both cases the Masters refused but the inspector attempted to intimidate them by threatening to come back with the police. Of course, these threats were sheer bluffing and blackmail as such actions of the ecological inspectors contradict legislation of Ukraine.

Hereby we would like to warn all interested parties against “dirty” methods of the ecological inspector, racketing in the Ukrainian ports, who attempt various dishonest means and devise still new wily tactics to get to the ballast tanks of the ships and keep their usual sources of profit.

We would ask the Members of the ships NOT to allow the ecological inspectors to take samples of the ballast. Nor to submit any ship’s documentation on the ballast operation to them. In case of any conflict with or threats from the ecological inspectors please inform the P&I Correspondent, as well as the ship’s Agent, immediately.

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