



Antigua and Barbuda Maritime Administration

Information Notice
No. 2022 - 001
25 February 2022

SUBJECT: International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Security Level Notification (Ukraine and Russian Federation)

REFERENCE:

- a) *Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act (MSA) 2006 and related Regulations (Statutory Instruments, Directives and Circulars, as applicable)*
- b) [SOLAS Circular 2013-006](#) *Ship Security and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code*

TO: Ship-owners, operators, masters and officers of Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships, and recognized organizations.

1. INTRODUCTION

This Information Notice draws attention to the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Security Level Notification (Ukraine and Russian Federation).

2. SUBJECT

1. In view of the escalating security situation in and around the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) and territorial waters of the Ukraine and the Russian Federation in the Black Sea and the Azov Sea, Masters of all Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships currently in the Black Sea Ports of the Russian Federation and Ukraine should ensure that the security level of their ships is equivalent to Ship Security Level 3 and take precautions in accordance with their Ship Security Plans. Masters of all other ships in the Black Sea should ensure that the security level of their ship is equivalent to Ship Security Level 2 and take precautions in accordance with their Ship Security Plans.
2. Ship movements are reported to be prohibited in the Azov Sea beginning 24 February 2022 and no attempt should be made to access the Azov Sea.
3. Ships operating in the Black Sea, specifically those near the EEZs of Ukraine and the Russian Federation, should avoid Ukrainian and Russian waters. Commercial operations within the EEZs of Turkey, Bulgaria and Romania remain unaffected at this time.
4. Any ship currently within Ukrainian and Russian ports of the Black Sea is encouraged to immediately leave if it is safe to do so and in accordance with local authorities guidelines and instructions, if available.

5. Operators and Masters should ensure that any planned operations, or voyages, do not take the ship into any area, or engage in any activity, that would expose the ship to the risk of ongoing military operations.
6. Ships should ensure they are broadcasting on AIS and clearly state their intentions across VHF and any ships challenged by military vessels, should comply fully with instructions.
7. This is a dynamic situation and changes may occur at any time. Owners, Operators, Company Security Officers and Masters should monitor developments and liaise closely with local port agents and P&I correspondents for the latest information on facility conditions, dangerous sea areas and temporary port closures and navigational restrictions.
8. Operators and Masters should complete a Risk Assessment prior to entering the Black Sea area.
9. ADOMS Emergency 24/7 Contact (Duty Officer) telephone: + 1 268 464 7701
10. For more maritime security information, please contact the Maritime Affairs Division on the main number at telephone +1 268 462 1273, or email administration@abregistry.ag

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