Circular 61 / 2013

To: Vessel Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Possible disruption to vessels entering Argentinean ports

Date: 08 July 2013

Summary:

Maritime Cook Islands (MCI) has been made aware that the Maritime Workers Union (SOMU) at the port of Bahia Blanca intends to disrupt the arrival of any vessel to the port flying the flags listed below which do not have on board a valid ITF Blue certificate. SOMU can prevent the arrival of vessels through the non-provision of tug boats. This action has now been extended to include the port of Buenos Aires. SOMU are also requesting an advance copy of the said certificate by e-mail.

While Cook Islands is not listed below, we advise all Cook Islands Flagged vessels to take caution and ensure they have on board their valid ITF Blue Certificate.

Antigua and Barbuda          Honduras
Bahamas                      Jamaica
Barbados                     Lebanon
Belize                       Liberia
Bermuda                      Malta
Bolivia                      Marshall Islands
Burma/Myanmar                Mauritius
Cambodia                     Mongolia
Cayman Islands               Netherland Antilles
Comoros                      North Korea
Cyprus                       Panama
Equatorial Guinea            Sao Tome & Principe
France                       Sri Lanka
Georgia                      St Vincent and The Grenadines
Germany                      Tonga
Gibraltar                    Vanuatu

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