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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 09-18

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: REPORTED INCREASE OF YELLOW FEVER INCIDENTS IN BRAZIL

Date: 26 March 2018

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) jointly reported there were 920 confirmed human cases of yellow fever in Brazil, between 01 July 2017 and 13 March 2018, including 300 deaths; this figure is higher than what was reported for the same period of the previous year (610 confirmed cases including 196 deaths).

The Safety4Sea organization has prepared an excellent advisory summarizing this situation, specifically targeting ship operators who are planning to visit Brazilian ports. This advisory may be found at the following link: <https://safety4sea.com/brazil-faces-outbreak-of-yellow-fever/>.

Specifically, ship operators who are going to visit Brazil are advised to make sure that seafarers are vaccinated against yellow fever and to implement measures to avoid mosquito bites, as Brazil experiences a worrying increase of yellow fever incidents. Included is a summary of yellow fever symptoms, a vaccination recommendation, and a list of safety precautions to follow while a ship is in any areas of heightened yellow fever activity. The advisory also includes a map of Brazil with the areas of vaccination recommendations highlighted in red, followed by a list of those Brazilian states that are of most concern.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator encourages all ship operators and on-board seafarers, whose voyage orders include entry into Brazilian ports, to be mindful of this health advisory, review the details of the Safety4Sea advisory, and act accordingly.

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.