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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY NO. 02-21

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

Subject: CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) SAFETY REQUIREMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Date: 12 February 2021

On 1 February 2021, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) published Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 02-21. This order applies to all commercial vessels operating in US waters, including Republic of the Marshall Islands-flagged vessels.

It requires that all persons wear a protective face mask while onboard commercial vessels subject to US jurisdiction. Additional guidance regarding implementation of the mask mandate in the maritime transportation system has been published by the USCG.

Questions concerning this MSIB should be forwarded to the USCG Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance at: wearamask@uscg.mil.

This MSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.