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Turkish Occupied Ports in Northern Cyprus

To: Ship owners, Operators, Managers, DPA's

The Gibraltar Maritime Administration draws the attention of owners, operators, managers & DPA's operating Gibraltar Registered ships in and/or the vicinity of Cyprus to the following:

Gibraltar Maritime Administration would advise against the use of Famagusta and other Turkish occupied ports in the vicinity by Gibraltar Registered vessels. Access to ports in north Cyprus is in breach of Republic of Cyprus law, and could possibly be seen as a contravention of UNSCR 550 (1984) which calls upon all States "not to recognize the purported State of the 'Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus' set up by secessionist acts and calls upon them not to facilitate or in any way assist the aforesaid secessionist entity". Support for marine scientific research requires the consent of RoC as the coastal state.

As such, Gibraltar Maritime Administration strongly recommends that Gibraltar Registered ships, refrain from calling at the above-mentioned ports, which could result in fines being imposed by the Republic of Cyprus as a result.

Seismic or scientific research ships who because of contractual terms may be required to operate within the vicinity and/or call at the abovementioned ports, should contact the Maritime Authorities of the Republic of Cyprus obtaining their consent. Furthermore, Gibraltar Maritime Administration is to be notified immediately of such intended voyages / port calls, including forwarding documentary evidence of the Republic of Cyprus consent for the undertaking of such voyages / port calls.

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