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Enhanced Maritime Security Measures in Eritrean Red Sea Territorial Waters

To:

- Port Authorities and Harbormasters
- Ship Owners, Managers, and Operators
- Ship Agents
- Classification Societies

The Eritrean Maritime Authority (EMA) underscores the importance of safeguarding the Red Sea region amid recent ongoing developments. This circular highlights updates and requirements for maritime operations to ensure compliance with international standards and secure maritime trade routes.

Key Updates:

1. Enhanced Security Measures:

EMA is reinforcing its collaboration with regional and international partners to mitigate risks and maintain maritime safety.

- All vessels transiting Eritrean waters are required to submit updated Automatic Identification System (AIS) data and adhere to scheduled reporting protocols.
- EMA reserves the right to deny entry to vessels with outdated or false shipping information to prevent incidents such as unauthorized activity or potential targeting.

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2. **Strategic Importance of Compliance:**

Eritrea's strategic location in the Red Sea is vital for global trade. Non-compliance with safety measures not only jeopardizes security but also disrupts international trade operations. Vessels must meet the following requirements:

- Classification by a member of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) or a recognized equivalent.
- Updated certification and inspection records to demonstrate operational readiness.

3. **Environmental Protection:**

With increasing maritime traffic, EMA reinforces its commitment to environmental sustainability. Vessels must comply with MARPOL regulations to prevent pollution and protect marine biodiversity in the Red Sea.

4. **Implementation Timeline:**

These measures will be effective from **01 March 2025**. Stakeholders must ensure their operations align with the updated guidelines to avoid legal consequences.

EMA invites all maritime companies, ship agents, and stakeholders to contribute to a unified effort in strengthening the security and efficiency of the Red Sea maritime corridor.

We expect your full cooperation in upholding the safety and sustainability of Eritrean waters. Your adherence to our regulations is essential for maintaining the integrity and security of our maritime environment.

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