Advisory #: 2010-02
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To: MARINERS
Subject: HAITI: ACTIVATION OF US NAVAL COOPERATION AND GUIDANCE FOR SHIPPING

1. THIS MARAD ADVISORY PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR TRANSITTING TO OR FROM HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

2. IN PERIODS OF CRISIS, CONFLICT, NATIONAL EMERGENCY OR WAR, NAVAL AUTHORITIES MAY DIRECT THE MOVEMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPS (INCLUDING ROUTING AND DIVERSION) SO THAT THEY MAY BE BETTER PROTECTED FROM CRISIS CONDITIONS AND HOSTILITIES AND NOT INTERFERE WITH POSSIBLE ACTIVE NAVAL, JOINT OR COMBINED MILITARY OPERATIONS OR BE BETTER PREPARED TO ASSIST WITH HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS. THE NCAGS ORGANIZATION IS THE PRINCIPAL US RESOURCE TO CARRY OUT THIS FUNCTION.

3. NCAGS PROVIDES NEAR REAL TIME INFORMATION OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING PICTURE TO OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS. THIS HELPS ENSURE THE SAFE PASSAGE OF MERCHANT SHIPMENT AND THE SAFETY OF NAVAL VESSELS.

4. SHIPPING COMPANIES ENGAGED IN DISASTER RELIEF TO OR FROM HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OR ENGAGE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADING WITH THESE COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO HAVE VESSEL MASTERS PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE SHIPPING COORDINATION CENTER, NAVAL OCEAN PROCESING FACILITY DAM NECK, VA PRIOR TO ENTERING THE REPORTING AREA.

THE REPORTING CENTER CAN BE CONTACTED 24/7 BY PHONE (US) 757-492-4494 OR BY EMAIL D05-SMB-SCCLANT@USCG.MIL OR JAMES.E.SHULER@NAVY.MIL.

REQUEST ALL MERCHANT VESSELS MAINTAIN THEIR AIS TRANSMITTERS IN TRANSMIT MODE (I.E., LEAVE TURNED ON) IN THE VICINITY OF HAITI IN ORDER TO ENSURE VESSEL SAFETY AND TRAFFIC SEPARATION.

SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT. NAVAL COORDINATION WITH MERCHANT SHIPPING IS ADVISORY ONLY. MERCHANT SHIP PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY.

5. COMMUNICATIONS REPORTING GATES (CRG) HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPERATIONS AREA BOUNDED BY: 018N TO 020N, 072W TO 075W. FOR THIS VOLUNTARY 96 HOUR NOTIFICATION, REPORTING VESSELS ARE REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT DATA IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

SECTION A – SHIP DATA:
(1) SHIP’S NAME.
(2) INTERNATIONAL CALL SIGN.
(3) TYPE OF VESSEL.
(4) FLAG OF REGISTRY.
(5) IMO NUMBER.
(6) PORT OF REGISTRY.
(7) LENGTH OVERALL.
(8) VESSEL’S WIDTH.
(9) MAXIMUM DRAFT FOR PRESENT VOYAGE.
(10) VESSEL’S GROSS TONNAGE.
(11) SPEED:
(a) SERVICE SPEED.
(b) MAXIMUM SPEED.
(c) MINIMUM SPEED.
(12) SIGNIFICANT APPEARANCE OF VESSEL FOR OPTICAL RECOGNITION.
6. In addition to the above voluntary 96 hour notification, masters of vessels bound for Haitian ports are reminded to comply with Haiti Port Authority (APN) 72 hour advance notification requirement. The form and instructions can be found at the APN website at: [HTTP://WWW.APN.GOUV.HT/IMAGES/TELECHARGEMENTS/NOTIFICATIONDARRIVEE.DOC](HTTP://WWW.APN.GOUV.HT/IMAGES/TELECHARGEMENTS/NOTIFICATIONDARRIVEE.DOC).

7. NATO has released a non-classified publication “ATP – 2 (B) VOL II – NAVAL CO-OPERATION AND GUIDANCE FOR SHIPPING MANUAL (NCAGS)- GUIDE TO OWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS.” The volume is available for all mariners to download at: [HTTP://WWW.SHIPPING.NATO.INT/](HTTP://WWW.SHIPPING.NATO.INT/).

8. Request any Haiti humanitarian cargo be shipped within standard 20-foot TEU containers to facilitate off-loading and transportation. Report any special off-loading needs or requirements such as requiring use of cranes prior to arrival.

9. Foreign vessels inbound to Haiti are highly encouraged to use agents listed on the Autorite Portuaire Nationale (APN) website ([WWW.APN.GOUV.HT](WWW.APN.GOUV.HT)).

11. CANCEL ADVISORY 2010-01.