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**CIRCULAR 053/2024**

**ALERT – ARGENTINE CUSTOMS – SHIP’S STORE LIST**

**DECLARATION (Update)**

On 27 March 2023 we have issued our Circular 048/2023 (enclosed) in order to update the issues arising with the Argentine Customs when inspecting the ship's store list declaration. By then, we mentioned that we have seen some disputes arising with Customs House, particularly in the ports of San Nicolas and Campana, which seemed to be - by then - seldom compared to the past when this was a systematic problem.

Unfortunately, the tendency continued upwards and now are seeing a clear peak of cases, especially in the ports of San Nicolas, Campana (including vessels carrying out STS at Km. 171 Parana River), San Lorenzo and - emerging - Rosario.

Rumours suggest that there would have been now a concrete instruction from the head of the Customs House to inspect vessel's as much as possible with the Searching Gangs, as a response to the Government's fiscal needs. Unfortunately, we have also received some reports suggesting that facilitation payments would have been demanded by the officers - **something that we strongly recommend to the Owners facing this situation not to engage with.**

We ought to mention that the above does not guarantee successful inspection as some discrepancy seems unavoidable with sump tanks with running engines. However, all effort should be directed to declare as accurate as possible to measure (as the customs should measure and count same quantities) and to avoid duplicating the information in different forms.

The purpose of this alert is to raise awareness to the Owners trading to Argentina and to maximise Master and C/E care and attention when filling in the Customs' Ship's store list declaration forms.



We remain at your disposal if clarification and/or additional information is required.

Yours Faithfully,

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*NB. This Circular updates Circular 048/2023; 014/2018; 01/2013;*

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