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Absolute Prohibition of Transit Through the Strait of Hormuz

Applicable to: This FLEET SAFETY LETTER should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators, Masters of Vanuatu-registered ships and Recognized Organizations

1. Introduction and Emergency Status

The Vanuatu International Shipping Registry (VISR) is issuing this emergency directive in response to the extreme escalation of regional conflict and the critical security threats currently posed to maritime navigation. The situation has deteriorated to a level where safe passage for commercial shipping can no longer be ensured.

2. Mandatory Prohibition of Transit

Effective immediately and until further notice, it is strictly and absolutely prohibited for any vessel flying the flag of Vanuatu to transit through the Strait of Hormuz. * This prohibition is a mandatory safety directive and applies to the entire Vanuatu-registered fleet.

- All vessels scheduled to transit the Strait of Hormuz must immediately cancel their passage and seek alternate routes or safe harbor outside the high-risk area.

3. Administrative Sanctions

The Administration views the safety of the crew and the vessel as a paramount obligation. Any violation of this mandatory prohibition will be considered a severe breach of international maritime safety protocols.

- **Immediate Suspension:** Any vessel confirmed to have violated this directive or attempted unauthorized transit through the Strait of Hormuz will face the immediate suspension of its registration status under the Vanuatu flag.

4. Compliance

This mandate remains in force until an official notification of rescission is issued by the Maritime Administrator. Full and immediate compliance is required from all relevant stakeholders.

Berke Ayazli
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