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Maritime Circular to Maritime Registrars, Shipowners, Masters, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts & Nevis Ships, Classification Societies, Recognised Organisations, Recognised Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this SKANReg, Seafarers & IMO Member States

Maritime Circular No.MC/66/16

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FISHING VESSELS

This Maritime Circular is to be read in conjunction with the following previously issued Maritime Circulars; MC/64/15 and MC/43/12 and we bring your attention to the various definitions contained within MC/64/15, especially that:

- **%fishing vessel+** means any vessel which is used for, equipped to be used for, or of a type normally used for, fishing or related activities, and includes carrier vessels
- **%carrier vessel+** means a vessel which is used or intended to be used for, or of a type normally used to transport fish

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As a continuation of the St. Kitts & Nevis Government's updating of legislation and operational practices to do with the fishing industry the scope of the Vessel and Fisheries Monitoring Centre (VFMC) has been extended to cover vessel position reporting and catch and transshipment reporting for all fishing vessels, including carrier vessels. We are also concluding an agreement with the Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries for the reporting by electronic means of vessel and catch data by St. Kitts & Nevis fishing vessels. This reporting will be in accordance with EU regulations.

As a result of this, all fishing vessels require to be fitted with enhanced VFMC reporting capability. The equipment for this is available to be purchased from Fulcrum Maritime Systems who will configure the system prior to shipment to report to the VFMC. Orders will be processed normally within two weeks, but are subject to availability and shipping times. Fulcrum Maritime Systems will arrange airfreight of the equipment to an address specified by the Owners only after full cleared payment, including applicable shipping charges, taxes and duties, for the VFMC equipment, has been received by them.

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Owners must ensure that they request connection to the SKANReg VFMC at the time of order.

**THE ENHANCED VFMC REPORTING CAPABILITY IS REQUIRED BY 31ST DECEMBER 2016,
FAILURE TO DO THIS MAY RESULT IN DELETION OF THE VESSEL FROM THE SHIP REGISTRY.**

Yours truly,

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International Registrar of Shipping and Seamen