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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 Administration, Seafarers & IMO Member States

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**MSC RES. 277(85): CLARIFICATION OF THE TERM "BULK CARRIER" AND
GUIDANCE FOR APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS IN SOLAS TO SHIPS WHICH
OCCASIONALLY CARRY DRY CARGOES IN BULK AND ARE NOT DETERMINED
AS BULK CARRIERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
REGULATIONS XII/1.1 AND CHAPTER II-1**

Please be advised that it is currently not this Administrations intention to make implementation of this Resolution mandatory. If we decide to make implementation of the Resolution mandatory, in advance of any further decision by IMO, we will communicate this decision to you.

Owners may however, voluntarily accept its provisions for any ship currently under construction, intended to be flagged with St. Kitts & Nevis, including those constructed at a future date before the Resolution becomes mandatory.

In such cases Recognised Organisations are to note any other provisions of SOLAS or their Classification Rules that would then additionally apply to the ship, especially those concerning Permanent Means of Access (PMA), Freefall Lifeboats, Enhanced Survey Programs and the requirements of SOLAS Chapter XII.

If you have any questions about this please contact us.

Yours truly,

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