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To: All Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under the  
Georgian Flag, Masters and Officers, Recognized Organizations  
and Georgia flag state inspectors

**Subject: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) - Precautions to be taken to minimise risks to seafarers, passengers and others on board ships**

### 1. Introduction

1.1 This Circular is based on Circular Letter No.4203/Add.1 dated 12 February 2020 by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the purpose of the present document is to provide information and guidance, recommendations developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Division of Healthcare Management and Occupational Safety and Health (DHMOOSH), United Nations, on the precautions to be taken to minimize risks to delegates attending meetings at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) following the recent outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

1.2 The above mentioned IMO Circular Letter No. 4203/Add.1 is based on recommendations developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and it contains the symptoms of the novel coronavirus, the WHO's advice on key preventative measures as well as a non-exhaustive list of links providing advice and guidance to seafarers and shipping. Specific advice to shipping crew and companies has been given by the International Maritime Health Association.

### 2. Action to be taken

2.1 All owners, managers, representatives of ships under the Georgian Flag and Masters and Officers are strongly urged to promulgate information on the basis of IMO Circular Letter No. 4203/Add.1 and IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.2 (Joint Statement IMO-WHO on the Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak) to ensure that seafarers, passengers and others on board ships are provided with accurate and relevant information on the coronavirus outbreak and on the measures to reduce the risk of exposure if they are likely to be engaged on ships trading to and from ports in coronavirus-affected States.

**Annex: IMO Circular Letter No.4203/Add.1, dated 12 February 2020, IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.2, dated 21 February 2020 and world health organization last situation reports (23 February 2020) Coronavirus disease (COVID-2019)**

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