



INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 149

BMA Technical Alerts

Guidance for Bahamas Recognised Organisations, Bahamas Approved Nautical Inspectors, Ship Owners, Managers, Masters & Seafarers

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Bulletin outlines the introduction of "BMA Technical Alerts" by The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA).

2. Background

- 2.1. The BMA currently distributes various third party alerts, bulletins, circulars, etc., on an ad-hoc basis, by email, to Companies¹ operating Bahamian ships.
- 2.2. In order to make such information more widely available, the BMA has introduced BMA Technical Alerts, which will be made available on the BMA website (under the "Publications" menu) and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

3. BMA Technical Alerts

- 3.1. BMA Technical Alerts are intended to:
- i. Bring important but short term information from the BMA to the attention of Bahamian ship owners, managers, Masters and crews;
 - ii. Bring guidance and information issued by third parties to the attention of Bahamian ship owners, managers, Masters and crews;

¹ The "Company" means the owner or any other organisation or person, such as the manager, or the bareboat charterer, who has assumed responsibility for the operation of the ship

- iii. Provide details of incidents and lessons learnt;
 - iv. Increase awareness of a particular topic or area.
- 3.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of ISM Code Para.1.2.3.2, any recommendations made in third party information referenced in a BMA Technical Alert have no mandatory application for Bahamian ships. Where such recommendations are mandated by the BMA they will be advised via the existing BMA Information Bulletins and/or the Bahamas National Requirements.
- 3.3. The use of BMA Technical Alerts is voluntary and the Company should determine which, if any, of the Alerts it distributes to its ships and offices.
- 3.4. The BMA does not require relevant BMA Technical Alerts to be held by the Company or on board in the flag State file². The Company may, however, do so for ease of reference.
- 3.5. Third party information referenced in BMA Technical Alerts is provided in good faith and may not apply to all sectors of the industry. Any queries or comments on third party information should be directed to the party providing the information.

4. Revision History

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² Please refer to BMA Information Bulletin No. 23, Para. 3.6.vii and Bahamas National Requirements, Para. 4.10.6