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SHIP-OWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, COMPANY SECURITY OFFICERS (CSO),  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS (DCS), RECOGNIZED SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS (RSOS),  
ANAM (ALL DEPARTMENTS).

**SUBJET: SHIP SECURITY LEVEL III IN THE EEZ OF UKRAINE AND/OR RUSSIA WITHIN THE BLACK SEA AND THE SEA OF AZOV.**

**REFERENCES: THE INTERNATIONAL SHIP AND PORT FACILITY (ISPS) CODE;  
NATO SHIPPING CENTRE – SITUATION ON THE BLACK SEA AND THE SEA OF AZOV;  
JOINT WAR COMMITTEE - JWLA-028 BLACK SEA AND SEA OF AZOV.**

- Further to the current situation in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov, this Administration is calling for a setting of SHIP SECURITY LEVEL III to all Comorian Vessels, hereafter mentioned as Vessels, operating in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Ukraine and/or Russia within the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov;
- This Administration advises Vessels to avoid any operations in the EEZ of Ukraine and/or Russia within the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov;
- Vessels which are currently at the afore mentioned areas, are advised to depart as soon as safely possible;
- Vessels must ensure the Automatic Identification System (AIS) and the Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) are always transmitting, in accordance with provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), and monitor VHF Channel 16 continuously;
- Masters on board Vessels are strongly encouraged to check that all fire-fighting equipment is available for immediate use;
- In the unfortunate scenario of an invasion by military Vessels should comply fully with instructions;
- Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) is not to be embarked while operating in the subjected areas;
- In case of an incident, Vessels have to inform this Administration immediately and activate the Ship Security Alert System (SSAS).

Should you require any additional information, you may contact our Technical Department as provided below:

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We take this opportunity to reassure that human life, marine environment and property are always considered as a priority for the Maritime Administration of Comoros which is committed to the safety of the maritime industry and the users around the world.

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