



From : DPA

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Fraudulent and unlawful demand of ballast Water samples / documents in Ukrainian ports

Dear Master

Please note that there were about 2 cases of impudent fraud (in Odessa and Illyichevsk ports) when ecological inspectors, using fraudulent and unlawful means, tried to make the Masters of the foreign ships give them samples of segregated ballast.

In both cases the Masters refused but the inspector attempted to intimidate them by threatening to come back with the police. Of course, these threats were sheer bluffing and blackmail as such actions of the ecological inspectors contradict legislation of Ukraine.

Hereby we would like to inform all vessels against “dirty” methods of the ecological inspector, racketing in the Ukrainian ports, who attempt various dishonest means and devise still new wily tactics to get to the ballast tanks of the ships and keep their usual sources of profit.

Masters should *NOT* allow the ecological inspector to take samples of the ballast *NOR* any ship’s documentation on the ballast operation.

In case of any conflict with or threat from the ecological inspectors, please inform the P&I Correspondent as well as the ship’s agent immediately.

Regards

Captain Rajaraman

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