

**Circular 61 / 2013**

**To: Vessel Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and Other Interested Parties**

**Subject: Possible disruption to vessels entering Argentinean ports**

**Date: 08 July 2013**

**Summary:**

Maritime Cook Islands (MCI) has been made aware that the Maritime Workers Union (SOMU) at the port of Bahia Blanca intends to disrupt the arrival of any vessel to the port flying the flags listed below which do not have on board a valid ITF Blue certificate. SOMU can prevent the arrival of vessels through the non-provision of tug boats. This action has now been extended to include the port of Buenos Aires. SOMU are also requesting an advance copy of the said certificate by e-mail.

While Cook Islands is not listed below, we advise all Cook Islands Flagged vessels to take caution and ensure they have on board their valid ITF Blue Certificate.

Antigua and Barbuda	Honduras
Bahamas	Jamaica
Barbados	Lebanon
Belize	Liberia
Bermuda	Malta
Bolivia	Marshall Islands
Burma/Myanmar	Mauritius
Cambodia	Mongolia
Cayman Islands	Netherland Antilles
Comoros	North Korea
Cyprus	Panama
Equatorial Guinea	Sao Tome & Principe
France	Sri Lanka
Georgia	St Vincent and The Grenadines
Germany	Tonga
Gibraltar	Vanuatu

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