IMO fraud alert

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has been made aware of various correspondence, being circulated via e-mail or in the form of invoices issued by, or in association with IMO and/or its officials. These scams, which may seek to obtain money from the recipients of such correspondence, are fraudulent, it has been learnt from an IMO statement issued shortly before Christmas.

IMO has warned the public at large about these fraudulent activities being perpetrated purportedly in the name of the Organization, and/or its officials, and would appreciate efforts in bringing suspect communications to its attention.

IMO strongly recommends that extreme caution be exercised in respect of such solicitations. Financial loss could result from the transfer of money to those issuing such fraudulent correspondence. Victims of such scams may also report them to their local law enforcement authorities for appropriate action.

Should readers have any doubts about the authenticity of an e-mail, letter or telephone communication purportedly from, for, or on behalf of IMO and/or its officials, they are asked to contact IMO at the e-mail address of: info@imo.org before taking any further action in relation to the correspondence.