

# **MEMBER ALERT**



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## **STOWAWAY DISEMBARKATION FINES IN COTE D'IVOIRE (IVORY COAST)**

It has been brought to your Managers' attention that the Abidjan port authorities have issued a circular to all agents advising that any vessel calling in Abidjan with stowaways to disembark will be subject to an XOF 2 million (approx. €3,000.00) fine, per stowaway.

The fine will be imposed on the ship regardless of where the stowaways may have boarded.

Furthermore, due to an increase in the number of stowaways found onboard vessels arriving from the neighboring port of Tema (Ghana), this circular also provides that, in order to be allowed to berth in Abidjan, any ship incoming from Tema will first have to remit an official "Search Certificate" to be issued by the Port of Tema authorities.

The above regulations are due to come into effect as of May 1, 2016. Attached is the translated circular for Members' reference.

*Your Managers thank Club Correspondents, The IVORY P&I Team/ L'Équipe IVORY P&I in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, for this update.*

## **AUTONOMOUS PORT OF ABIDJAN**

### **THE GENERAL DIRECTOR**

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### **CIRCULAR TO THE ATTENTION OF SHIP'S AGENTS**

**Subject:** production of certificate search and payment of a fine

It is brought to the attention of ship's agent that due to the recent increase in the number of stowaways, any ship's Master coming from TEMA (Ghana) shall have to present to the Harbour Master of Abidjan port prior to her entry a search certificate of his vessel. This certificate, to be admissible, will have to be signed and authenticated by the Harbour Master of the port of TEMA or by his representative/proxy.

Furthermore, the disembarking in the port of Abidjan of any stowaway is, from now on, submitted to a payment by cheque of an amount of XOF 2,000,000 to the order of the Direction of the Accounting Department of the Autonomous Port of Abidjan.

It should be noted that this amount will be due per stowaway being disembarked, regardless of the declared port of boarding.

I attach an importance to the enforcement of this circular which takes effect from the 01<sup>st</sup> May 2016.

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