



COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

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Presidents of all National Maritime Law Associations

Dear all,

Re: *Court procedures in your jurisdictions and flag administrations*

In these rather bizarre days we are all living through, our constant thoughts are on our own physical well being and that of our family, friends and colleagues. Different countries are passing through different phases of this dreadful virus and our thoughts have been with our friends and colleagues all over the world but in particular with our friends and colleagues in China, Italy, Spain, USA and now the United Kingdom who seem to be bearing the brunt of it.

In the meantime life does go on and a number of us have been approached with requests on how other courts in other jurisdictions are functioning.

The Executive Council of the CMI has thought it appropriate to ask John Markianos-Daniolos, Lawrence Teh and I to gather as much information as possible from the different jurisdictions you represent.

In order not to make it too laborious and to encourage you to answer this appeal immediately we have kept the questions very short. The answers are intended to provide our members with a very general overview and in the event they need further information they will contact lawyers from that particular jurisdictions.

The six questions we would like you to answer are the following:

1. Are the Courts in your jurisdiction open and functioning as per normal?
2. If not, are there any exceptions to the arrest of ships and / or are other injunctive or enforcement procedures available?
3. Can Judicial Sale of Ships still take place?
4. Do you know how long the Courts in your jurisdiction will be closed for?

5. Is the flag registry in your jurisdiction (if applicable) operating as per normal in terms of the registration of ships and registration of mortgages and deletion of same.
6. Has your flag administration issued any special exemptions for the period of the Pandemic

Since the situation is very fluid and changing all the time and since the exercise will only be useful if we can recirculate the information received very soon, we need to have your replies by Saturday 11th April and furthermore if there are any changes after that date can you please inform us so we can update the information.

All the information will be immediately made available to all on the CMI Website.

Kindly send your replies directly to:

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Take care of yourselves and keep safe

Yours sincerely



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