



# Kiribati Ship Registry

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## MARINE CIRCULAR

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**FOR:** Ship Owners/ Managers/ Masters and Agents

**SUBJECT** : VESSELS ANCHORING IN THE VICINITY OF SINGAPORE TERRITORIAL WATERS

**EFFECTIVE DATE** : Immediate

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has advised that there is an increasing number of vessels anchoring outside the Singapore territorial waters, especially in the eastern and western approaches. This has posed with a risk of collision for vessels transiting or entering into the Port of Singapore.

In view of MPA's concerns, all masters and officers are advised to strictly comply with all navigational safety rules when entering or leaving the Port of Singapore. As the Straits of Malacca and Singapore is a narrow and congested shipping lane, all responsible owners and masters of vessels should:

1. Strictly comply with the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (ColRegs);
2. Not anchor their vessels in the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS);
3. Avoid anchoring over any submarine cables as shown in the navigational charts; and
4. Take advantage of the special anchorages set up for the purpose by MPA for vessels taking bunkers or ship supplies.

Punitive actions will be taken against masters and officers who are found to have contravened the TSS and anchoring over any submarine cables. Owners will also be held responsible and fully liable for any damage caused to any submarine cables.

Owners, managers and agents are to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of masters and officers serving on their vessels.

Should you seek further assistance on the abovementioned matters, please contact the Registry directly at [info@kiribaship.com](mailto:info@kiribaship.com) , Tel: (65) 6225 0555, Fax: (65) 6225 0550.

All Kiribati Ship Registry (KSR) circulars can be found on the KSR website at: <http://www.kiribaship.com/circulars/marine.asp> .

Yours faithfully,

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