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Dear Captain  
Good Day,

Pls note today the below mail was received from one of the fleet vessels:

=====Quote=====

Kindly pls note v/l drop anchor in Zhoushan inner quarantine and custom anchorage in order to prepare pre dry dock formalities at 2017/10/18 , 11:20 LT .

At same day 14:30 LT pilot boat brought 2 custom officer along with boarding agent . they presented themselves in my office and request face check by passport for all ship staff , upon complete this stage they request to check all cabins , which is done by presence accompanied of SSO.

At final stage they request to check ships staff mobile phone ,computer laptop and external hard as per crew effect declaration , I tried to convince them this is privacy zone of ships staff and better we respect that , but they persist that there is clear instruction for aforesaid operation and should implement as well , they use their computer for inspection and finally they left the v/l at 18:30 lt upon completion of inspection .

Apparently :

1. Nothing highlighted from their cabin inspection although it was highly comprehensive as chief officer present during full search time .
2. Nothing highlighted from laptop and external hard inspection as I was present during full search time.
3. From mobile inspection they highlighted same telegram short video in two cell phone in respect of attacked of Iran national parliament by ISIS around 6-7 month back , which I fully explained this can be downloaded from internet very easily and is ordinary time pass propaganda nothing more , in both case they recorded mentioned short video by his cell phone .
4. They had not seek any request from me such as more investigation in forthcoming future ,...

=====Unquote=====

**At the same time below was received from West Of England P&I club:**

=====Quote=====

China - Mobile Phone Inspection by Authorities

17th October 2017

The Managers have been advised of the following incident by the Hong Kong Ship owners Association (HKSOA):

“A non-Chinese flag ship alongside in Ningbo was boarded by Immigration Authorities. The entire crew were told to surrender their mobile phones. Content from each of the crew phones was uploaded to authorities’ laptop for inspection. Later on the agent explained the reason behind that search was a nationwide anti-terrorist campaign, and that the search was for videos, files concerning terrorism or any other criminal related activity. The Vessel was also advised that the same searches may continue as a routine inspection in the future.

Although the authorities claimed that they didn’t download any personal information, the situation is somewhat disturbing. The flag State of the ship in question is now considering making a formal protest to the Chinese Government.

Please be aware and make your own risk assessments what kind of data your seafarers are storing in their mobile phones. This incident could be related to the 19th Party Congress that commences today, and time will tell if the searches continue after that event has completed.”

Members are asked to note this occurrence and the potential for similar inspections amongst their own crews. The HKSOA would like to be notified of any such incidents in China and Members are asked to contact the Managers accordingly should it occur on board one of their vessels.

=====Unquote=====

Based on above, if the vessel is to call any Chinese ports, pls inform all personnel to be ready for any such inspections.

You are requested to confirm receipt, discuss the contents in the next consolidated meeting on board & keep a copy in the file DA-11 .

Best Regards,

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