



TUVALU SHIP REGISTRY

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION
FUNAFUTI, TUVALU

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In the spirit of international cooperation, the Tuvalu Ship Registry had, as of 21 September 2012, completely de-registered all NITC and possible Iranian-linked vessels as requested by the Government of the United States of America and United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI).

The Tuvalu Ship Registry had earlier on 21 September 2012 issued a Press Release to formally inform and declare to all parties concerned that the de-registration process of the NITC tankers and any possible Iranian-linked vessels was complete and there will not be a single NITC vessel or Iranian-linked vessel registered under the Tuvalu flag as of 21 September 2012.

However, the Tuvalu Ship Registry has recently identified from public data provider EQUASIS (at www.equasis.org) that the following NITC vessels are being shown to be under Tuvalu flag:

- 1) STRENGTH - IMO 9569621
- 2) SONATA - IMO 9569633
- 3) SONGBIRD - IMO 9569645

The Tuvalu Ship Registry hereby affirms that the above vessels were never registered under Tuvalu flag and as such the above information on EQUASIS is INACCURATE.

We urge all relevant Port State and Coastal State authorities to exercise vigilance and caution and reject the acceptance of any Tuvalu registry certificates that may be presented for the above vessels as these certificates are considered FRAUDULENT.

For any verification or clarification, please contact us at: info@tvship.com

Thank you for your kind attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amuragati', written over a dotted line.

Registrar