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Dear Sir,

CIRCULAR ON DOG SEARCH ON TANKERS, CAPSIZE & OTHER VESSELS CALLING THE PORT OF TAKORADI

With Compliments from the Director of Port, Takoradi.

Port Facility Security Committee (PFSC) bring to your attention that, the dog search on vessels calling the Port facility was instituted as a result of intelligence gathered and the subsequent potential stowaways who were arrested onboard tankers & bulk carriers that berthed at the Dry Bulk Terminal (DBT) & Liquid Bulk Terminal (LBT).

The terminal's openness to sea, makes berthed vessels an easy target for potential stowaways using small wooden canoes to board vessels despite strict security patrols and permanent security presence at both terminals.

In view of the challenge of the numerous attempted stowaway incidents recorded, the Port Facility Security Committee deliberated and recommended to the Management of the Port, few heightened security measures to curb the threat of stowaways, of which dog rummaging as the third layer of final stowaway check was instituted.

The Port Facility Security Committee(PFSC) recommend MANDATORY DOG RUMMAGING on all CAPESIZE vessels loading BAUXITE & MANGANESE ORE before departure from the port.

The Port Authority deem your understanding and appreciates your efforts to collaborate with the authority in meeting the ISPS requirement of the Port Facility.

We count on your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

For: **GHANA PORTS AND HARBOURS AUTHORITY**

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