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Assunto: Cape Gata - Calling Santos

Dear Sirs,
Good day,

MV CAPE GATA is currently on her way to Santos, Brazil, and we would appreciate your guidance regarding the latest Brazilian biofouling requirements and any port-specific procedures applicable upon arrival.

For your information, the vessel has not undergone an underwater hull inspection during the last 12 months. However, the vessel remains in regular trading service and maintains all statutory records related to hull maintenance, antifouling coatings, and dry-docking.

In this regard, kindly advise:

1. Whether a recent underwater inspection is mandatory prior to arrival at Santos.
2. What biofouling-related documentation is currently being requested by the Port Authorities, Maritime Authority, or other local agencies.
3. Whether there are any advance declaration requirements to be submitted before the vessel's arrival.
4. If an underwater inspection or hull condition report is recommended, please advise the availability of approved local service providers and associated lead times.
5. Whether the authorities are presently conducting physical inspections or only documentary verification concerning compliance with Brazil's biofouling regulations under NORMAM-401.

Furthermore, please advise if the following documents would be sufficient for compliance purposes:

1. Biofouling Management Plan.
2. Biofouling Record Book.
3. Antifouling coating records and specifications.
4. Last dry-docking report.
5. Hull maintenance and inspection history.

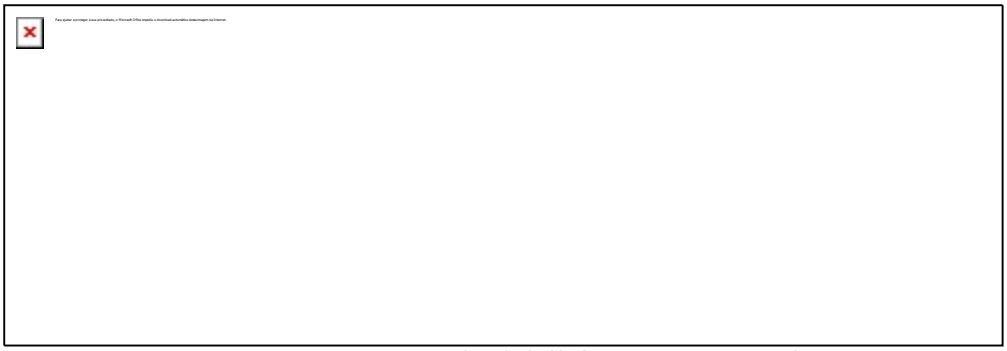
We would appreciate receiving your recommendations at your earliest convenience to ensure full compliance with local requirements and avoid any delays upon the vessel's arrival.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to your guidance.

Kind regards,

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