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As you are aware, the recent earthquake and tsunami which hit Japan has among other things, created damage to the Fukushima Nuclear Facility. This has already resulted in some radiation emission into the atmosphere and increased concern of a complete nuclear meltdown, which would further increase the concentration of radiation in the atmosphere, with devastating implications.

In light of this, the Maritime Authority of Jamaica urges operators of all Jamaican flag vessels **calling at Japanese ports to maintain a distance of at least 50 miles from the Fukushima facility.** This position will be kept under review depending on the success of efforts to mitigate the risk of increased radiation emissions from the facility.

Our sympathies are with the Japanese people at this time, and we continue to pray for the success of the measures being taken to avert a nuclear crisis.



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