

'Italian ships are changing flag' warns shipowners' group

Other European flags guarantee simple bureaucracy - Assarmatori



(ANSA) - ROME, JUN 20 - A growing number of ships under Italian ownership are changing flag for bureaucratic reasons, shipowners' association Assarmatori said on Tuesday.

President Stefano Messina said the percentage of ships under Italian ownership but flying a foreign flag has risen from 36.43% in 2021 to the current 40.83%, citing data from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) referring to larger ships of 1000 gt and above.