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MARINE CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Classification Societies

SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS ON CARRIAGE OF PUBLICATIONS ON BOARD TUVALU SHIPS

PURPOSE: This Marine Circular applies to all commercial vessels and yachts registered under the Tuvalu International Ship Registry and serves to provide guidance to all ship owners / ship managers / ship operators on the publications required by IMO to be carried on board ships. It also serves to provide port State control officers (PSCOs), and Recognized Organizations involved in carrying out ISM Code certification of the IMO requirements on the carriage of publications.

REFERENCES: MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2

(A) NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Tuvalu Merchant Shipping Act 2008 Consolidated Edition.
2. Tuvalu Merchant Shipping (Registration of Foreign Vessels) Regulations 2004.
3. Tuvalu Marine Circulars.
4. The above can be downloaded under the "Downloads" section at www.tvship.com

(B) INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Nautical Charts and Publications (all Ships):
 - Adequate and up-to-date charts (for the intended voyage)
 - Chart Catalogue;
 - Sailing Directions;
 - List of Lights;
 - Notices to Mariners;
 - Tide Tables;
 - Mariner's Handbook;
 - Nautical Almanac;
 - Navigational Tables;
 - List of Radio signals;
 - Tidal Stream Atlases;
 - Ocean Passages of the World
2. International Code of Signals (all Ships)
3. IAMSAR Manual Volume III (all Ships)
4. Relevant Sections of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code when carrying dangerous goods in packaged form (where applicable)

5. International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention - ISM Code (where applicable)
6. International Life-saving Appliance Code - LSA Code (all Ships)
7. International Code for Fire Safety Systems -FSS Code (all Ships)
8. International Ship and Port Facility Security Code - ISPS Code (where applicable)
9. Publications required by the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Convention (Stations on board ships with GMDSS installations):
 - Alphabetical List of Call Signs of Stations used in the Maritime Mobile Service;
 - List of Coast Stations;
 - List of Ship Stations (the carriage of the supplement is optional);
 - List of Radio Determination and Special Service Stations;
 - Manual for Use by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile- Satellite Services;
10. Publications Recommended for Carriage on Board (Optional unless they are required by the ship's Safety Management System (SMS) manual)
 - SOLAS Convention;
 - MARPOL Convention;
 - International Load Lines Convention;
 - COLREG Convention;
 - STCW Convention and Code;
 - International Tonnage Measurement Convention;
 - IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCP); and
 - Guide to Helicopter/Ship operations (ICF)

Special Notes:

- *The above publications deal with many operational aspects, inter alia, navigational responsibilities, safety-related training/drills on board, safe cargo handling, oil spill prevention, collision avoidance activities and watchkeeping standards. Therefore, these publications, although not expressly required by IMO instruments, may need to be carried on board in order to improve the crew's knowledge and to enhance the implementation of IMO instruments.*
- *No deficiency or non-conformity should be filed by port State control authorities and/or ISM auditors against ships not carrying such publications on board unless otherwise required by the ship's SMS manual.*

11. IBC Code (Chemical Tankers, built after 1 July 1986)
12. BCH Code (Chemical Tankers, built before 1 July 1986)
13. IGC Code (Gas Carriers, Built after 1 July 1986)

(C) GENERAL INFORMATION

1. An electronic chart display and information system may be accepted as meeting the chart carriage requirements as per Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-6/2010/11/2.
2. The above listed publications are allowed to be in electronic format in lieu of hard copies. Acceptable publications in electronic form should be those issued by the IMO or the Administration or a body authorized by the Administration to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying. A medium could either contain a publication or as many

publications as possible. In any case, the media should be treated in accordance with the document control procedures in the ships' SMS including procedures for timely update.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, the publications for emergency use, such as the International Code of Signals and the IAMSAR Manual should always be available in the form of hard copies, bearing in mind that such publications need to be readily available for use in case of emergency without being restricted to a specific place and by the availability of a computer.
4. All publications on board ships, regardless of format, should be the latest editions and duly updated.
5. IMO Circular Guidance - MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2 (Annex I - can be downloaded from this Marine Circular)

Yours sincerely,

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