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## MARINE CIRCULAR

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**FOR:** Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Classification Societies

**SUBJECT: REVISION OF MINIMUM SAFE MANNING CERTIFICATE**

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

The following abbreviations stand for:

- “GT” – Gross Tonnage in accordance to ITC 69
- “IMO” – International Maritime Organization
- “ISM Code” – International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention
- “ITC 69” – International Convention on the Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969
- “MSMC” – Minimum Safe Manning Certificate
- “PSC” – Port State Control
- “SOLAS” – International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended
- “STCW” – International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended

The term “Administration” shall mean the Tuvalu Ship Registry.

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this marine circular is to inform ship owners / operators of the required amendment in the format of the MSMC in accordance to IMO Resolution A.1047(27).

#### **REFERENCES:**

- (a) IMO Resolution MSC.325(90)
- (b) IMO Resolution A.1047(27)

#### **APPLICATION:**

This marine circular applies to all Tuvalu flagged vessels holding a Tuvalu MSMC.

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##### **1. General**

1.1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO adopted Resolution MSC.325(90) to:

1.1.1. amend SOLAS Regulation V/14 on ships' manning;

1.1.2. require administrations, for every ship, to establish appropriate minimum safe manning levels, taking into account the guidance adopted by IMO Resolution A.1047(27); and

- 1.1.3. issue an appropriate MSMC or equivalent as evidence of the minimum safe manning considered necessary.
- 1.2. The Manila amendments to the STCW Convention and Code were adopted on 25 June 2010 and entered into force on 1 January 2012. A 5 year transitional arrangement is provided up till 1 January 2017 for full implementation of 2010 Manila Amendments.
- 1.3. In accordance to Annex 4 of IMO Resolution A.1047(27), the revised MSMC template will now also include the name of the Company (as defined in the ISM Code). For vessels that do not require mandatory compliance to the ISM Code, such as cargo vessels below 500 GT, the Administration shall define the Company as the company that has operational responsibility of the vessel.

## **2. Replacement of the existing MSMC format**

- 2.1. Tuvalu's new MSMC has taken into consideration the relevant regulations of the STCW Convention, the 2010 Manila amendments to the STCW Convention and Code, and the IMO Resolution A.1047(27).
- 2.2. As the existing MSMC format does not conform with the model form of Minimum Safe Manning Document in Resolution A.1047(27), this Administration requires that they be replaced as soon as practicable. The replacement process should not cause any delay to the vessel's operations.
- 2.3. Ship owners / operators may apply directly to the Administration or their ship registration agents for replacement of the MSMC. In any case, the Administration shall automatically apply the new MSMC for all new vessels registered or existing vessels that are renewed from 1 January 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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