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MARINE CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Recognized Organizations, Port Authorities

SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE OF ILO CONVENTION NO. 152

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- "ILO" - International Labour Organization
- "RO" - Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789 (19)
- "SOLAS" - International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended

The term "Administration" shall mean the Tuvalu Ship Registry.

PURPOSE:

This circular seeks to provide clarity on the voluntary compliance of ILO Convention No. 152.

REFERENCES:

- (a) ILO Convention No. 152

APPLICATION:

This circular applies to all Tuvalu-flagged vessels.

BACKGROUND:

Tuvalu has been a member of the ILO since 19 May 2008 and has ratified to the following ILO Conventions:

1. Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006); and
2. Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

While Tuvalu-flagged vessels are not required to comply to the ILO Conventions that Tuvalu has not ratified, the Administration recognizes certain ILO conventions as industry standards for which voluntary compliance is encouraged.

The ILO Convention No. 152, specifically Part III Articles 21 to 28 on Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) fall into this category, and ship owners/operators are encouraged to implement the requirements contained in these Articles to the extent practicable.

CONTENTS:

1. The RO issuing the Certificate of Class for a vessel shall be considered to be the "competent person" or "competent authority" specified in the ILO Convention No. 152.
2. Thus, the RO will establish the format for the Cargo Gear Certificate or Record and any other "authenticated records" used for certifying lifting appliances and loose gear.
3. The five year survey interval specified in Article 22 of the ILO Convention No.152 is acceptable to the Administration for harmony with the drydocking and survey intervals specified in SOLAS.

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