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MARINE CIRCULAR

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

SUBJECT: DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR SHIP RADIO STATIONS & RENEWAL OF SHIP RADIO STATION LICENCES

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviation(s) stand for:

- “IACS” – International Association of Classification Societies
- “ITU” – International Telecommunication Union
- “GMDSS” – Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
- “PSC” – Port State Control
- “SRSL” – Ship Radio Station License

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

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this marine circular is to provide ship owners, operators and managers with the document carriage requirements for vessels that have ship radio stations. This is in addition to the SRSL (that is to be renewed annually), Certificates of Competency and Endorsements of the Radio Operator or Operators, and the Radio Log Book. This marine circular also serves to explain the validity and renewal procedures of the SRSL.

APPLICATION:

This circular applies to all Tuvalu flagged vessels equipped with a ship radio station and issued with a SRSL.

CONTENTS:

1. Carriage of documents (either in physical or electronic publications as applicable)

- 1.1. Shore-based Maintenance Agreements, as one of the accepted GMDSS maintenance options, is highly recommended and a copy should be placed on board the vessel.
- 1.2. For vessels with Radiotelephone Installation, the following documents should be on board:
 - 1.2.1. ITU List of Coast Stations; and
 - 1.2.2. ITU Manual for use by The Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Service.
- 1.3. For vessels with GMDSS Fitted Installations, the following documents/records should be on board:

- 1.3.1. ITU list of Call Signs and Numerical Identities of Stations used by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Services;
 - 1.3.2. ITU List of Ship Stations;
 - 1.3.3. ITU Manual for use by The Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Service; and
 - 1.3.4. Record of a list of coast stations and coast earth stations with which the vessels are likely to establish communications with, including the watch-keeping hours, frequencies and charges, and a list of coast stations and coast earth stations providing navigational and meteorological warnings and other urgent/important information for vessels.
- 1.4. All ITU publications are available through the ITU website at www.itu.int

2. Renewal of Ship Radio Station Licence

- 2.1. When a Tuvalu flagged vessel has class and statutory certification issued by any of the IACS members, this Administration will issue the following electronic registry certificates with five (5) years validity upon its conversion to permanent status:
 - 2.1.1. Certificate of Registry; and
 - 2.1.2. Minimum Safe Manning Certificate
- 2.2. However, the validity of the Ship Radio Station Licence (SRSL) will continue to be 12 months from the date of the vessel's entry into the Tuvalu Ship Registry.
- 2.3. The SRSL will be renewed annually and a new electronic SRSL will be issued upon the Administration's receipt of the annual radio and tonnage taxes.
- 2.4. The validity of the SRSL may be verified directly by scanning the Quick Response (QR) Code or entering the unique certificate number via the Registry's online verification system at <https://tvship.com/verifyreg> Please refer to the Marine Circular MC-5/2016/1 "Implementation of electronic certificates for vessels" for guidance.

Yours sincerely,

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