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MARINE CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Recognized Organizations, Flag State Inspectors

SUBJECT: NEW SAFETY REQUIREMENT GUIDELINES FOR LIFTING APPLIANCES AND LOOSE GEAR – SOLAS II-1/3-13

DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this circular:

- “Administration” – means the Tuvalu Ship Registry
- “RO” – means Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19)
- “SOLAS” – means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended

REFERENCES:

- (a) SOLAS II-1/3-13 – Adopted on 08 June 2023 by IMO Resolution MSC.532(107)
- (b) IMO MSC.1/Circ.1663 – Guidelines for Lifting Appliances, 28 Jun 2023
- (c) ILO 152 – ILO Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) Convention 1979.

PURPOSE:

To implement the requirements of SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-13 as adopted by Resolution MSC.532(107), together with the corresponding guidance contained in IMO MSC.1/Circ.1663, effective 01 January 2026.

APPLICATION:

This circular applies to all Tuvalu-flagged ships fitted with lifting appliances and associated loose gear.

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1. New installations (ships constructed or retrofitted on or after 01 Jan 2026)

The design, construction, and installation of lifting appliances and associated loose gear shall comply with the requirements of a RO authorized by the Administration.

2. Existing installations (ships constructed or retrofitted before 01 Jan 2026)

2.1. Compliance with the provisions of SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-13 shall be demonstrated at the first renewal survey on or after 01 January 2026, in accordance with the procedures set out in MSC.1/Circ.1663.

2.2. Existing valid certificates or documentation, acceptable to the Administration, may be recognized as evidence of compliance.

3. Recognized Organizations

ROs are instructed to apply these requirements during all initial, annual and renewal surveys carried out on or after 01 January 2026.

4. Ship owners and ROs are advised to refer to IMO MSC.1/Circ.1663 – Guidelines for Lifting Appliances for detailed implementation guide.

Yours sincerely,

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