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MARINE CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Classification Societies, Flag State Inspectors

SUBJECT: CLASS AND STATUTORY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGER SHIPS

PURPOSE:

This Marine Circular serves to inform owner / operators / managers of existing passenger ships under Tuvalu flag, as well as passenger ships intending to register under Tuvalu flag, of the latest directive on the class and statutory certification requirements for passenger ships.

APPLICATION:

The directive in this circular applies to all "Passenger Ships" as defined by SOLAS 74, as amended.

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In view of the recent numerous casualties involving passenger ships, this Administration is hereby issuing the following directive to enhance the safety of passenger ships under Tuvalu flag:

- 1. All newly registered passenger ships after 27 February 2012, shall be statutory certificated and classed by any of the IACS Members.
- 2. Existing passenger ships shall be statutory certificated and classed by any of the IACS Members at the first scheduled Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (PSSC) Renewal Survey after 27 February 2012, but in no case later than 27 May 2013.

This Administration strongly recommends all owners / operators / managers with Passenger Ships to take action urgently and contact their preferred IACS Member to make the necessary arrangements

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Registrar Tuvalu Ship Registry