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MARINE CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Classification Societies, Port State Control Officers

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF FRAUDULENT SHIP REGISTRIES & STCW CERTIFICATIONS

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- “BCC” – Bunker Convention Certificate
- “COC” – Certificate of Competency in accordance to the STCW
- “COE” – Certificate of Endorsement (issued against an officer’s COC / GOC / DCE / SSO)
- “DCE” – Dangerous Cargo Endorsement (e.g. Advance Oil/Chemical Tanker Certificate)
- “FSM” – Federated States of Micronesia
- “GOC” – GMDSS Operator Certificate
- “MSAF” – Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji
- “MISR” – Micronesia International Ship Registry
- “SIMA” – Samoa International Maritime Authority
- “SSO” – Ship Security Officer
- “STCW” – International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (as amended)
- “TC&I” – Department of Transport, Communications & Infrastructure
- “UN” – United Nations
- “WRCC” – Wreck Removal Convention Certificate

The following term shall mean:

- “Administration” shall mean the Tuvalu Ship Registry

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this marine circular is inform all parties of the important information relating to the following:

- (a) Fiji’s open (or international) ship registry.
- (b) FSM’s open (or international) ship registry and STCW seafarers’ certification issued to non-FSM citizens.
- (c) Samoa’s open (or international) ship registry and STCW seafarers’ certifications issued to non-Samoan citizens.

REFERENCES:

- (a) Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-2/2015/1 – Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007
- (b) Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-1/2008/11/2 – International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 (Bunker Convention)
- (c) IMO Circular Letter No.3798 – Communication from the Government of Fiji (appended below)

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1. FIJI

- 1.1. The MSAF has recently in 2017 announced that Fiji does NOT operate an open (or international) ship registry and has notified the illegal registration of vessels to the Tokyo MOU (which has seen a recent listing of ships inspected under the Fiji flag) to disseminate the information to all its members.
- 1.2. The MSAF is also understood to have notified the Fiji Police Force on the same and investigations are underway.
- 1.3. The MSAF's latest statement on the fraudulent registration of vessels has been communicated to the international shipping community through the IMO by Circular Letter No.3795 (refer to Reference (c) above).

2. FSM

- 2.1. The FSM TC&I has recently in 2017 announced that FSM does NOT operate an open (or international) ship registry and has sent a diplomatic note to the UN to inform all member and observer states of the illegal registration of vessels by MISR and the illegal issuance of STCW seafarers' certification under the name of the FSM.
- 2.2. The FSM has requested the assistance of member states and observer states with any information about the illegal activities mentioned above to contact the FSM Department of Justice at misrinvestigation@gmail.com for the necessary legal action to investigate, prosecute and adjudicate the matter.
- 2.3. The FSM is also requesting for member states to confiscate any illegal STCW seafarers' certification that has been issued in the name of the FSM.

3. SAMOA

- 3.1. Samoa had back in 2015 undergone a similar experience to what the FSM is currently going through.
- 3.2. Samoa had also notified the UN of the illegal registration of vessels and issuance of STCW seafarers' certification by the "fraudulent" entity known as SIMA that is not connected with the Samoan government.

4. ACTIONS TAKEN THE TUVALU ADMINISTRATION

- 4.1. Tuvalu will not endorse any seafarer COC for the issuance of COE / GOC / DCE / SSO if they have been issued to non-citizens of FIJI, FSM, and SAMOA, and if there is any reasonable doubt to believe that the seafarer COC may be fraudulent.
- 4.2. Tuvalu will not issue WRCC (refer to Reference (a)) or BCC (refer to Reference (b)) for vessels purporting to the flagged under FIJI, FSM and SAMOA.

Yours sincerely,

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Circular Letter No.3798
6 October 2017

To: All IMO Member States
Intergovernmental organizations
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Communication from the Government of Fiji**

On 28 September 2017, the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji sent the attached communication, with the request that it is circulated by the Organization.

Our ref: MS 5(R) 01

28th September 2017

(By email: fkennedy@imo.org)

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Dear Mr. Frederick Kenney

RE: REPORT ON SHIP FRAUDUENTLY FLYING THE FIJI FLAG

Reference is made to the above subject matter.

I would like to bring to your attention a re-occurring issue that is of grave concern to the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF).

MSAF has received and is still receiving several reports from different countries, port state authorities and news media on foreign ships' fraudulently using Fijian flags claiming to be registered in Fiji and using falsified registration documents.


On that note, MSAF had reported the same to Tokyo MOU and seeking their assistance in notifying all Tokyo MOU members of the issue (*please see Annexures*).

Please be advised that the said ships are not registered with Fiji/MSAF and therefore as far as MSAF is concerned, the ships' documentations are falsified. In addition, please note that Fiji does not have any registered ships operating in international waters and maintains a closed Registry.

MSAF would like to request that this information be disseminated to all member States.

Submitted for your information and necessary actions.

Yours sincerely



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SHIPS FRADULENTLY FLYING FIJI FLAG

No.	Name of Ship	IMO Number
1	Miyabi	9063316
2	Tong Da	8649993
3	MT Duta Sarana	8707109
4	Toyo Maru	9009097
5	MT 19 Winner	8613190
6	Fan Ke	8914934
7	Chong Won 65	8410603
8	Tian Tong	871 2348
9	Long Gang 7	8661850
10	Vast Line 9	8891273
11	Vast Line	9129677
12	Every Glory	9102813
13	Lian De	8748397
14	Pu Gang 1	8407888
15	Guang Xing	9045182
16	Hong Tai	8661915
17	Oriental Lady	8652823
18	Bon Voy 3	8714085
19	FV Teal Way	9045962
20	Hao Yue	8504351
21	Hua Fu	9020003
22	Siti Rahmah	85135
23	Ru Yi	8310281
24	Orca	85128
25	Dharma Ocean	85116
26	Hao Fan 2	8747604
27	Unicorn	6818136
28	Antares	85103
29	An Ning	8713299
30	Zebra	8848276
31	Senyo Maru	9000405
32	Puma	8613360
33	Yoga Saki Maru	9088031
34	Fairlady 5	85089
35	Albatros 28	85070
36	FV Teadvance	8708684
37	Bai Mei 8	8584578
38	Sylvia 5	85052
39	Emaday	85050
40	Hao Fan 6	8628597
41	Lily	7914016
42	Tb Hs 05	85039
43	Lilie	5802069
44	Sun Bright	7706407
45	MT Dayang	8130552
46	Hayati	85028

47	Seven Angel	85152
48	Great Pioneer	8654730
49	Manfaa	85015
50	Cahaya Sampoerna	85017
51	TB Lancar Jaya	85012
52	Glory Hope 1	8671611
53	Puteri Aur	84917
54	Oji	84985
55	MT Rizky Marine	7701768
56	TB Propus	85005
57	The Fuel 7	880404
58	N Intan	84935
59	Ovary 7	84932
60	Ria	84944
61	Arsenal	9058880
62	MT Soo Young 1	8510075
63	Rose Angel	84912
64	Alena Rose	9029241
65	Lokong	84781
66	Chang Xin 88	8661032
67	Zai Zhou 1	8664149
68	Zhi Kun 6	8660909
69	C Drake	84793
70	Mazu	84794
71	Star Angel	87001
72	Zhong Hai 18	8773524
73	Tong De	8696673
74	Blue Sea Jet	84924
75	Super Petro 2	85027
76	Jian Fu	8306890
77	Thousand Sunny	8817681
78	MT Jaya Fujim	83751
79	DMS 8	85077
80	Sea Treasure	83497
81	Zhai Hui	9095412
82	FV Teapalmy	8313192
83	Chun Yang 8	8661290
84	Shun Yang	8749262
85	Jessica	8651221
86	Dolphin 26	8513338
87	DMS 19	8032308
88	Arimbi	84976
89	Nilam	84983
90	Zhi Kun 7	9614610
91	Hui Da	8914934