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

SUBJECT: MANDATORY IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SOLID BULK CARGOES (IMSBC) CODE

PURPOSE: This Marine Circular is to advise all Owners and Managers of Tuvalu flagged vessels on the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code which becomes effective on 1 January 2011.

REFERENCES: MSC.268 (85) and MSC.269 (85)

The International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code was adopted during the 85th session of the Maritime Safety Committee through resolution MSC.268 (85) and MSC 269 (85). The new IMSBC Code replaces the existing Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes 2004, and becomes mandatory through the SOLAS Convention (as amended) from 1 January 2011 onwards.

All ships carrying Solid Bulk Cargoes shall be in compliance with IMSBC Code through the following guidelines:

1. Ships with existing Bulk Cargoes (BC) Code Certificates shall have them replaced by the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Certificates by the First Bulk Cargoes Periodical Survey on or after 1 January 2011, and
2. Ships without BC Certificates or IMSBC Certificates which intend to carry Solid Bulk Cargoes shall have valid IMSBC Certificates before loading on or after 1 January 2011.

The Tuvalu Ship Registry confirms that the Recognized Organizations (ROs) listed at www.tvship.com/ro are duly approved to issue the new IMSBC Certificate:

The Annexes relating to the subject are:

1. **Annex I** : MSC.268 (85) – International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code
2. **Annex II** : MSC 269 (85) – Adoption of Amendments to SOLAS 74, as amended

The above documents can be downloaded from the appropriate Annexes of this Marine Circular.

Yours sincerely

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