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MARINE CIRCULAR

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

SUBJECT: HARMONIZED VOLUNTARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT (BWM) IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

PURPOSE:

Being a signatory to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention), Tuvalu wishes to inform all Owners and Managers of Tuvalu-flagged vessels that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has published a Circular containing the Harmonized Voluntary Arrangements for BWM in the Mediterranean Region which are of voluntary interim nature and will be applicable from 1 January 2012 onwards until the time that the BWM Convention enters into force.

REFERENCES: BWM.2/Circ.35

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IMO Circular BWM.2/Circ.35 provides the necessary guidelines in English in its ANNEX 1 for the harmonised voluntary interim regime on ballast water exchange and management options to vessels transiting the Mediterranean Sea area, and vessels entering the Mediterranean Sea area are encouraged to apply these guidelines on a voluntary basis from 1 January 2012 until the time that the BWM Convention enters into force.

The regime is being submitted under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the BWM Convention and is also part of a regional strategy on ships' ballast water management, developed within the Mediterranean Action Plan, with the technical support of the GloBallast Partnerships Project, and is based on the requirements of the BWM Convention.

However, this regime will no longer apply when a ship meets the ballast water performance standard contained in regulation D-2 of the Convention, or when the Convention comes into force and a ship has to apply the D-2 standard in accordance with the application dates set out in regulation B-3 of the Convention.

The Appendixes relating to the subject are available for download and are listed below:

Appendix 1 : BWM.2/Circ.35 – BWM Convention, 2004

Yours sincerely,

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