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MARINE CIRCULAR

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

SUBJECT: DRAWINGS TO BE MAINTAINED ONBOARD SHIP & ASHORE

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- “IMO” – International Maritime Organization
- “MSC” – Maritime Safety Committee (IMO)
- “RO” – Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19).
- “SOLAS” – International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended

The term “Administration” shall mean Tuvalu Ship Registry

PURPOSE:

This Administration recognizes the importance of as-built drawings for proper planning and conduct of surveys, repairs, owner’s inspections, etc., not only for bulk carriers, but for all types of ships. As such, this circular serves to provide a list of relevant construction drawings with a view of ensuring uniform application of the relevant provisions of the 1974 SOLAS Convention.

REFERENCES:

- (a) IMO MSC/Circ.1135, 15 December 2004
- (b) SOLAS Chapter II-1, Part A-1, Regulation 3-7

APPLICATION:

Shipowners, operators, ship Masters, ROs other parties involved in ship building, repairing, surveys and inspections shall maintain this list.

CONTENTS:

1. General

- 1.1. This Administration has considered it necessary for ship owners to maintain onboard and ashore as-built construction drawings and other plans showing subsequent structural alterations, so that shipowners may develop an effective and comprehensive maintenance program for their ships.
- 1.2. For ships in the registry or being registered, regardless of the date of construction, an electronically digitized reproduction of the ship’s General Arrangements shall be provided to the Administration. Any other of the as-built construction drawings shall be made available to the Administration on an as needed basis.

2. List of Drawings

2.1. List of as-built construction drawings to be maintained on board the ship and ashore:

2.1.1. Main Plans

- (a) General arrangement
- (b) Capacity plan
- (c) Hydrostatic curves
- (d) Loading Manual, where required

2.1.2. Steel Plans

- (a) Midship section
- (b) Scantling plan
- (c) Decks
- (d) Shell expansion
- (e) Transverse bulkheads
- (f) Rudder and rudder stock
- (g) Cargo hatch covers, when applicable

2.1.3. Bilge ballast and cargo piping diagrams

3. Mandatory Requirement

For ships constructed on or after 1 January 2007, these drawings become mandatory under SOLAS Chapter II-1, Part A-1, Regulation 3-7.

Yours sincerely,

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