MARINE CIRCULAR
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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Classification Societies

SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS ON CARRIAGE OF PUBLICATIONS ON BOARD TUVALU SHIPS

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- “BCH Code” – Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk
- “COLREG” – Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972
- “ECDIS” – Electronic Chart Display and Information System
- “IAMSAR” – International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue
- “IGF Code” – International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels
- “IMO” – International Maritime Organization
- “ISM Code” – International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention
- “LNG” – Liquefied Natural Gas
- “PSC” – Port State Control
- “RO” – Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19).
- “SMS” – Safety Management System
- “SOLAS” – International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended

The term “Administration” shall mean Tuvalu Ship Registry.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Marine Circular is to provide guidance to all ship owners / ship managers / ship operators / ROs performing the ISM Code certification of IMO requirements on carriage of publications.

REFERENCES:

(a) MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2, dated 1 June 2006
(b) Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-6/2010/13/3, Mandatory Requirements for ECDIS & BNWAS under SOLAS
APPLICATION:

This marine circular applies to all Tuvalu flagged vessels.

CONTENTS:

1. NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS


1.2. Tuvalu Merchant Shipping (Registration of Foreign Vessels) Regulations 2004.

1.3. Tuvalu Marine Circulars.

Note: The above can be downloaded under the “Downloads” section at www.tvship.com

2. INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

2.1. The publications explicitly required by IMO instruments to be carried on board ships are listed in the table below:

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<td>IMSBC Code and Supplement (2016 Edition, incorporating amendment 03-15)</td>
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<td>All Ships</td>
<td>Carrying Solid Bulk Cargoes</td>
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### IAMSAR Manual
  - SOLAS V/21.2
  - All Ships
  - N/A

### ICS International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (5th Edition)
- Administration
- Oil Tankers
- N/A

### ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Chemicals) (3rd Edition)
- Administration
- Chemical Tankers
- N/A

### ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Liquefied Gas) (2nd Edition)
- Administration
- LNG Tankers
- N/A

### Nautical Charts & Publications***
- SOLAS V/19.2.1 & V/27
- All Ships
- Also see Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-6/2010/13/3

### Publications required by ISM Code
- ISM Code, para 1.2.3 & 11.3
- All Ships
- Required publications are those specifically mentioned to be carried by the ship's SMS manual

* All publications on board ships, regardless of format, should be the latest editions or duly corrected and up to date.

** Refer to Section 3.6 below.

*** Nautical charts and nautical publications, such as sailing directions, lists of lights, notices to mariners, tide and current tables, and all other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage, shall be adequate and up to date.

### 2.2. The Administration has recommended that the publications of SOLAS, MARPOL, LOADLINE, COLREG and STCW Conventions are carried on board, even though not expressly required by IMO instruments, as they deal with many operational aspects, navigational responsibilities, safety-related training/drills on board, safe cargo handling, oil spill prevention, collision avoidance activities and watchkeeping standards. However, no deficiency should be filed by PSC authorities against Tuvalu-flagged ships not carrying such publications on board. On the other hand, a non-conformity should be raised by the ISM auditors for ships not carrying such publications on board in accordance with the ship’s SMS.

### 3. ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIVALENT

1. The above listed publications may be in electronic format in lieu of hard copies.

2. Electronic publications should be those issued by the IMO or the Administration or a body authorized by the Administration to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying.

3. The media (CD-ROM, Flash drive etc.) containing the electronic publications should be treated in accordance with the document control procedures in the ships’ SMS including procedures for timely update.

4. Electronic nautical publications distributed directly by a Hydrographic Office or through a service approved by a Hydrographic Office may be carried to fulfill the requirements for the carriage of nautical publications, including Notices to Mariners, in Chapter V of SOLAS subject to the requirements of reference (b).
3.5. Where electronic nautical publications with electronic backup are carried, portions of the publications needed for navigation while the vessel is en-route between ports (tides and current tables, light list, etc.) should be printed and included with the voyage plan unless the electronic backup is an independent computer system with its own emergency source of power. Please refer to reference (b) for details regarding backup requirements for ECDIS and electronic nautical publications.

3.6. Notwithstanding the above, publications for emergency use, such as the IAMSAR Manual should always be available in the form of hard copies.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Registrar
Tuvalu Ship Registry