

# Palau International Ship Registry



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## MARINE CIRCULAR 115.1

**To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, DEPUTY REGISTRARS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**Subject: INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE SALVAGE AND MARINE FIREFIGHTING REQUIRMENTS IN VESSEL RESPONSE PLANS**

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this Marine Circular is to provide information regarding the United States Coast Guard (USCG) protocol for incorporating by reference repetitive geographic specific appendices (GSA) information associated with the requirements for integrating salvage and marine firefighting (SMFF) services into VRPs.

### 2. Applicability

- 2.1 This Marine Circular applies to all Palau registered ships that trades within the United States Ports and are required to have an USCG approved VRP under Tittle 33, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 155.

### 3. General Information

- 3.1 Vessel owners/operators to which this Guidelines applies are required to incorporate salvage and marine fight fighting services into their VRP. These services must be listed in the VRP geographic-specific appendices (GSA) for each COTP zone.
- 3.2 The USCG has determined that it is acceptable to incorporate SMFF services into a VRP updated by reference, provided that the following conditions are met:
  - 3.2.1 Only USCG accepted core SMFF plans are referenced in the VRP updates. Core SMFF plans consist of core GSAs submitted to the USCG by the SMFF resources providers that are updated quarterly. The USCG will maintain a list of accepted core GSAs, indicating the provider, date and revision number at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/vrp>;
  - 3.2.2 The vessel owner/operator/manager has in place contracts and funding agreements with the SMFF service providers in accordance with 33 CFR Part I 155 Subpart I;
  - 3.2.3 The GSA reference names the SMFF Company selected as the primary resource provider in a COTP zone;
  - 3.2.4 The vessel owner/operator indicates which SMFF resource provider is the primary resource provider for the specific service required; and
  - 3.2.5 The vessel owner/operator/manager:
    - Must identify and provide to the USCG the date and revision number of the SMFF resource provider's core GSA information;
    - Should provide a link with the website location of the SMFF resource provider's resource information, if available;



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- Must submit to the USCG the required contracts and funding agreements that are in place with their resource provider(s); and
- Must ensure that the Qualified Individual (QI) has unhindered access to the SMFF information that is incorporated by reference, either through website access, or by having access to the most up-to-date paper copy.

#### 4. USCG Acceptance and Verification

- 4.1 The USCG'S acceptance of a vessel owner/operators SMFF VRP update is contingent upon the USCG's unhindered access to the SMFF resource provider's most up-to-date listing of resources.

#### 5. Contact

- 5.1 Any inquiries concerning the subject for this Marine Circular should be directed to the Palau Ship Registry Administrator at [technical@palaureg.com](mailto:technical@palaureg.com)

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