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MARINE CIRCULAR 133.1

To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, AND REGISTRATION OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION.

Subject: HAZARDOUS WORK AND CONSIDERATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES FOR SEAFARER UNDER THE AGE OF 18

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This Marine Circular identifies and establishes restrictions on types of work considered hazardous because they present special risk of accident, may have a detrimental effect on a young seafarer's health or physical development, or require a special degree of maturity, experience or skill.

2. Reference

- 2.1 The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) requires that Administrations promulgate national guidelines for the management of occupational safety and health on board ships. The guidelines which appear below take into account the guidance contained within MLC 2006 and relevant advice in the publications mentioned therein.
- 2.2 Title 7 par. 505 Annex 1 and page 15

3. Applicability

- 3.1 These specific guidelines shall apply to all seafarers under the age of 18 employed by shipowners and operators aboard Palau flag vessels.

4. Requirements

- 4.1 The engagement of seafarers under the age of 18 in employment or work considered hazardous by the shipowner and/or operator and in accordance with this Marine Circular and International Standards is prohibited.
- 4.2 Shipowners and/or operators shall address in their Shipboard Occupational Health and Safety Program (SOHSP) the safety and health of young seafarers and, specifically, restrictions on work considered hazardous for those under the age of 18;
- 4.3 Seafarers under the age of 18 shall not be permitted to be engaged in activities that are considered potentially hazardous, which are to be determined by the shipowner and or operator and shall include, but not limited to:



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- a. Lifting, moving or carrying of heavy loads or objects;
- b. Entry into boilers, tanks and cofferdams;
- c. Exposure to harmful noise and vibration levels;
- d. Operating hoisting and other power machinery and tools, or acting as signalers to operators of such equipment;
- e. Handling mooring or towing lines or anchoring equipment;
- f. Rigging;
- g. Work aloft or on deck in heavy weather;
- h. Night watch duties;
- i. Servicing of electrical equipment;
- j. Exposure to potentially harmful materials, or harmful physical agents such as dangerous or toxic substances and ionizing radiations;
- k. The cleaning of catering machinery; and
- l. The handling or taking charge of ship's boats

4.4 Prior to employment, a seafarer under the age of 18 shall be duly assessed for competency to perform a task or job while being properly training including: providing information regarding safe working practices and, if needed, pre-job training in order to ensure the engaging young seafarer is knowledgeable and capable of performing such jobs.

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