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MARINE CIRCULAR 178.1

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

Subject: SOLAS REGULATION II-1/3-6, ACCESS TO AND WITHIN SPACES IN AND FORWARD OF THE CARGO AREA OF TANKERS AND BULK CARRIERS AND APPLICATION OF THE TECHNICAL PROVISIONS FOR MEANS OF ACCESS FOR INSPECTIONS

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this Marine Circular is to provide information regarding to the access to and within spaces in and forward of the cargo area of tankers and bulk carriers and application of the provisions for means of access for inspections

2. Applicability

- 2.1 This Marine Circular applies to all Palau registered ships which are subject to pertinent SOLAS regulation II-1/3-6.

3. General Requirements

- 3.1 SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-6 on access to and within spaces in the cargo area of oil tankers and bulk carriers, adopted by Resolution MSC.134(76), have entered into force on 1 July 2004, and the associated technical provisions for means of access for inspections, adopted by Resolution MSC.133(76), became effective from 1 January 2005.
- 3.2 Meanwhile, amendments to SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-6 and the technical provisions for means of access for inspections were adopted by Resolutions MSC.151(78) and MSC.158(78) respectively, enter into force as of 1 January 2006.
- 3.3 Oil tankers of 500 gross tonnage and over and bulk carriers of 20,000 gross tonnage and over, constructed on or after 1 January 2005, are required to be fitted with permanent means of access complying with SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-6 and the technical provisions for means of access for inspections, as adopted by Resolutions MSC.134(76) and MSC.133(76), as of 1 January 2006.



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4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Palau International Ship Registry(PISR) is authorizing its Recognized Organizations (ROs) involved in the survey and issuance of Safety Construction Certificates to vessels registered under Palau flag, to apply in all aspects, the amended Regulation II-1/3-6 of the Convention and the technical provisions for means of access for inspections, as adopted by Resolutions MSC.151(78) and MSC.158(78), to ships constructed on or after 1 January 2005 in lieu of SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-6 and the technical provisions for means of access for inspections, as adopted by Resolutions MSC.134(76) and MSC.133(76) respectively.

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

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