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FOR: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Classification Societies, Flag and Port State Inspectors.

REVISED MINIMUM SAFE MANNING SCALE

As part of our quality measures in improving the Tuvalu Ship Registry, with effect from 1 August 2006, the minimum safe manning scale has been revised as follows –

PART A – DECK OFFICERS

Trading Area	Description of ship in tons	Minimum number of qualified Deck Officers & Ratings			
		Master	Chief Officer	OOW	Ratings
Limited	Below 200	1(a)		1(a)	1(b)
	200 to 499	1(a)		1(a)	2(b)
	500 to 1600	1(c)	1(c)		2(b)
	1601 to 2999	1(c)	1(c)	1(d)	2(b)
	3000 & above	1(c)	1(c)	1(d)	3(b)
Unlimited	Below 500	1(c)	1(c)		2(b)
	500 to 1600	1(c)	1(c)	1(d)	2(b)
	1601 to 2999	1(c)	1(c)	1(d)	3(b)
	3000 & above	1(c)	1(c)	2(d)	3(b)

- (a) COC under Reg II/3, STCW '95
- (b) Certification of ratings forming part of a navigational watch, Reg II/4, STCW '95
- (c) COC under Reg II/2, STCW '95
- (d) COC under Reg II/1, STCW '95

PART B – ENGINEERS

Trading Area	Description of ship in KW	Minimum number of qualified Engineers & Ratings			
		C/E	2/E	OOW/Eng	Ratings
Limited	Below 750		1(a)		1(b)
	750 & >	1(a)		1(c)	1(b)
Unlimited	Below 750	1(a)			1(b)
	750 to 3000	1(a)	1(a)		2(b)
	3000 & above	1(d)	1(d)	1(c)	3(b)

- (a) COC under Reg.III/3, STCW '95
- (b) Certificate of engine rating forming part of an engine watch, Reg III/4, STCW '95
- (c) COC under Reg. III/1, STCW '95
- (d) COC under Reg.III/2, STCW '95

Dates of compliance for the revised minimum safe manning scale are as follows –

- i) Vessel registered after 1 August 2006 has to comply with the revised minimum safe manning scale upon registration
- ii) Vessel that is registered provisionally before 1 August 2006 will have to comply with the revised manning scale when it is transferred to permanent registry.
- iii) Vessel that is registered permanently before 1 August 2006 will have to comply with the revised manning scale when the registry of the vessel is due for annual renewal

The Tuvalu Ship Registry reserves the right to either bring forward or extend the date of compliance of the revised minimum safe manning scale for each vessel on a case-to-case basis.

We believe that responsible ship owners and managers will appreciate the above measure, as this will also help to ensure that there is proper watch-keeping for their vessels at all times and adequate rest for their crew.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if more information or clarification is required.

Yours sincerely

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