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MARINE CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, and Ship Agents

Dear Sir,

RE: SHIPS TRADING WITH NEAR COASTAL VOYAGES NOTATIONS

We have been informed by the Malaysia Marine Department that foreign registered vessels trading under the limited 'Near Coastal Voyages' are not allowed to trade within the Malaysian Territorial water unless permission has been granted for the ships to do so or an agreement has been accepted and signed between the Governments. Failing which, the ships will be detained or banned from leaving the Malaysian ports.

The Tuvalu Ship Registry has reviewed and amended the definition of 'Near Coastal Voyages' in the Marine Circular Ref. 20/2007 dated, 30 August 2007.

In order for Tuvalu registered near coastal voyages vessels to have access to the Malaysian ports, the Tuvalu Ship Registry will undertake the following processes:

1. Owner / Operators are to make a formal application for their ship to trade in the Malaysian ports stating the ports, the reasons and the expected time-frame required.
2. The Tuvalu Ship Registry will review each application and make a formal request to the Malaysia Marine Department for permission to allow the ship to operate / trade in their territorial water.
3. The Malaysia Marine Department will only consider each application on a ship-by-ship basis. The approval of the application rests solely with the Malaysia Marine Department.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Tuvalu Ship Registry if more information or clarification is required on the above matter.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Registrar of Ships
Tuvalu Ship Registry