



TUVALU SHIP REGISTRY

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MANDATORY CLASS FOR VESSELS 500 GRT AND ABOVE

Further to our notice dated 1 August 2005 and as part of our quality measures in improving the Tuvalu Ship Registry, with effect from 1 January 2006, a self-propelled vessel 500 GRT and above must be classed by one of the following recognized organizations (RO) before the vessel is able to be registered under the Tuvalu flag –

- 1) American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
- 2) Bureau Veritas (BV)
- 3) China Classification Society (CCS)
- 4) Det Norske Veritas (DNV)
- 5) Germanischer Lloyd (GL)
- 6) International Ship Classification (ISClass)
- 7) Korean Register of Shipping (KRS)
- 8) Lloyd's Register (LR)
- 9) Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK)
- 10) Registro Italiano Navale (RINA)
- 11) Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)

An existing Tuvalu registered self propelled vessel that is 500 GRT and above must be classed by any of the above ROs before its certificate of registry expired.

The above measure taken by the Tuvalu Ship Registry also ensures that vessels are in compliance with IMO SOLAS convention as according to SOLAS Chap II-1 Regulation 3-1, "...ships shall be designed, constructed, maintained in compliance with the structural, mechanical and electrical requirements of a classification society which is recognized by the Administration..."

We believe that responsible ship owners and managers will appreciate the above measure, as this will also help to prevent port state control detentions of their vessels.

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

Yours sincerely

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