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REGISTRY CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Classification Societies

SUBJECT: CHANGE OF VESSEL NAME

PURPOSE: This circular provides guidance on the requirements and procedures for changing of vessel's name for a Tuvalu-flagged vessel.

A. APPLY FOR RE-ISSUANCE OF FLAG CERTIFICATES

1. Submit [Form Change of Ship Name] for the Tuvalu Administration to re-issuance of the following certificates under vessel's new name:
 - 1.1. **Certificate of Registry (COR)**
 - 1.2. **Ship Radio Station Licence (SRSL)**
 - 1.3. **Minimum Safe Manning Certificate (MSMC)**
2. Upon issuance of the above certificates with the new vessel's name, the Company shall apply to the Tuvalu Administration for the re-issuance of the following certificates no later than 14 days:
 - 2.1. **Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)**, where applicable, by submitting the following:
 - 2.1.1. [Form CSR] Application for Amendment of Tuvalu Continuous Synopsis Record;
 - 2.1.2. [Form ISMC] Declaration of Company – ISM Code;
 - 2.1.3. [Form ISMDP] Declaration of Designated Person(s);
 - 2.1.4. [Form CSO] Declaration of CSO – ISPS Code;
 - 2.1.5. Safety Management Certificate (SMC) issued by RO; and
 - 2.1.6. International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) issued by RO
 - 2.2. **Bunker Convention Certificate (BCC)**, where applicable, by submitting the revised Bunker Convention Blue Card by P&I insurer (refer to Marine Circular MC-1/2008/11/2).
 - 2.3. **Wreck Removal Convention Certificate (WRCC)**, where applicable, by submitting the Wreck Removal Blue Card by P&I insurer (refer to Marine Circular MC-2/2015/1).
 - 2.4. **Civil Liability Certificate (CLC)**, where applicable, by submitting the Civil Liability Convention Blue Card by P&I insurer (refer to Marine Circular MC-10/2005/1).
 - 2.5. **Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part I (DMLC Part I)**, where applicable, by submitting the following [Form DMLC] (refer to Marine Circular MC-1/2016/1):
 - 2.5.1. Financial Security in respect of Shipowners' Liability as required under Regulation 4.2, Standard A4.2.1 Para 1(b) of MLC 2006, as amended;
 - 2.5.2. Financial Security in respect of Seafarer Repatriation costs and liabilities as required under Regulation 2.5.2, Standard A2.5.2 of MLC 2006, as amended; and
 - 2.5.3. [Form DMLC] Application for Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part I

B. NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF CLASS AND STATUTORY CERTIFICATES TO BE RE-ISSUED BY RO (where applicable)

The following shall be submitted to the Tuvalu Administration no later than 30 days after re-issuance of the Flag Certificates in Section A.1 of this circular:

1. Certificate of Class (Hull / Machinery)
2. SOLAS 1974:
 - 2.1. Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate
 - 2.2. Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate
 - 2.3. Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate
3. ISM Code / SOLAS IX: Safety Management Certificate
4. ISPS Code / SOLAS XI-2: International Ship Security Certificate
5. Load Line Convention 1966/88: International Load Line Certificate
6. Tonnage Convention 1969: International Tonnage Certificate
7. MARPOL Annex I: International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate
8. MARPOL Annex II: International Certificate for the Carriage of Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk
9. MARPOL Annex IV: International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate
10. MARPOL Annex VI:
 - 10.1. International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate
 - 10.2. International Energy Efficiency Certificate
11. BWM Convention 2004: International Ballast Water Management Certificate
12. AFS Convention 2001: International Anti-fouling System Certificate
13. MLC 2006: Maritime Labour Certificate

C. MISCELLANEOUS CERTIFICATES (where applicable)

The following shall be submitted to the Tuvalu Administration no later than 30 days after re-issuance of the Flag Certificates in Section A.1 of this circular:

1. LRIT Conformance Test Report issued under new vessel name (refer to Marine Circular MC-2/2008/11/12/4).
2. 406 MHz EPIRB Registration Certificate updated with new vessel name (refer to Marine Circular MC-1/2015/1).

D. NOTES

1. The vessel's new name must be physically marked in accordance with the Guidance for Marking of Tuvalu Vessels (refer to Marine Circular MC-3/2011/1).
2. All Forms may be downloaded at: <https://www.tvship.com/forms>
3. All Marine Circulars may be downloaded at: <https://www.tvship.com/marinecircular>

Please contact support@tvship.com or +65 6224 2345 for queries relating to the above.

Best regards,

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