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## MARINE CIRCULAR

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

**SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS ON CARRIAGE OF PUBLICATIONS ON BOARD TUVALU SHIPS**

### DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- "BCH Code" – Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk
- "COLREG" – Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972
- "ECDIS" – Electronic Chart Display and Information System
- "IAMSAR" – International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue
- "IBC Code" – International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk
- "IGC Code" – International Code of the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk
- "IGF Code" – International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels
- "IMO" – International Maritime Organization
- "ISM Code" – International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention
- "LL" – International Convention on Load Lines, 1966
- "LNG" – Liquefied Natural Gas
- "MARPOL" – International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978
- "PSC" – Port State Control
- "RO" – Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19).
- "SMS" – Safety Management System
- "SOLAS" – International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended
- "STCW" – International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended

The term "Administration" shall mean Tuvalu Ship Registry.

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Marine Circular is to provide guidance to all ship owners / ship managers / ship operators / ROs performing the ISM Code certification of IMO requirements on carriage of publications.

### REFERENCES:

- (a) MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2, dated 1 June 2006
- (b) Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-6/2010/13/3, Mandatory Requirements for ECDIS & BNWAS under SOLAS

## APPLICATION:

This marine circular applies to all Tuvalu flagged vessels.

## CONTENTS:

### 1. NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- 1.1. Tuvalu Merchant Shipping Act 2008 Consolidated Edition.
- 1.2. Tuvalu Merchant Shipping (Registration of Foreign Vessels) Regulations 2004.
- 1.3. Tuvalu Marine Circulars.

Note: The above can be downloaded under the “Downloads” section at [www.tvship.com](http://www.tvship.com)

### 2. INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2.1. The publications explicitly required by IMO instruments to be carried on board ships are listed in the table below :

#### Minimum Requirements for Publications to be Carried On Board Ships\*

Type of Publication	Required by	Applicability	Remarks
SOLAS (Consolidated Edition, 2014)	Administration	All Ships	N/A
MARPOL (Consolidated Edition, 2011)	Administration	All Ships	N/A
LL (2005 Edition)	Administration	All Ships	N/A
COLREG (Consolidated Edition 2003)	Administration	All Ships	N/A
STCW (2011 Edition)	Administration	All Ships	N/A
IBC Code (2007 Edition)	IBC, para 16.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built after 1 July 1986
BCH Code (2009 Edition)	BCH, para 5.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built before 1 July 1986
IGC Code (1993 Edition)	IGC, para 18.1.3	Gas Carriers	Built 1 July 1986 through 30 June 2016
IGC Code (2016 Edition)	IGC, para 18.1.2	Gas Carriers	Built on or after 1 July 2016
IGF Code	IGF, para 18.2.1	Gas-fuelled ships	Built on or after 1 January 2017
IMDG Code (2016 Edition) and IMDG Code Supplement (2014 Edition)	SOLAS VII	All Ships	Carrying Dangerous Goods in Package Form or Bulk
IMSBC Code and Supplement (2016 Edition, incorporating amendment 03-15)	SOLAS VI/1.1	All Ships	Carrying Solid Bulk Cargoes
Code of Safe Practices for Timber Deck Cargoes, 2011 (2012 Edition)	Administration	Cargo Ships as applicable	N/A
International Code of Signals (2005 Edition)**	SOLAS V/21.1	All Ships	N/A

IAMSAR Manual Volume III - Mobile Facilities (2016 Edition)**	SOLAS V/21.2	All Ships	N/A
ICS International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (5th Edition)	Administration	Oil Tankers	N/A
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Chemicals) (3rd Edition)	Administration	Chemical Tankers	N/A
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Liquefied Gas) (2nd Edition)	Administration	LNG Tankers	N/A
Nautical Charts & Publications***	SOLAS V/19.2.1 & V/27	All Ships	Also see Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-6/2010/13/3
Publications required by ISM Code	ISM Code, para 1.2.3 & 11.3	All Ships	Required publications are those specifically mentioned to be carried by the ship's SMS manual
*	All publications on board ships, regardless of format, should be the latest editions or duly corrected and up to date.		
**	Refer to Section 3.6 below.		
***	Nautical charts and nautical publications, such as sailing directions, lists of lights, notices to mariners, tide and current tables, and all other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage, shall be adequate and up to date.		

- 2.2. The Administration has recommended that the publications of SOLAS, MARPOL, LOADLINE, COLREG and STCW Conventions are carried on board, even though not expressly required by IMO instruments, as they deal with many operational aspects, navigational responsibilities, safety-related training/drills on board, safe cargo handling, oil spill prevention, collision avoidance activities and watchkeeping standards. However, no deficiency should be filed by PSC authorities against Tuvalu-flagged ships not carrying such publications on board. On the other hand, a non-conformity should be raised by the ISM auditors for ships not carrying such publications on board in accordance with the ship's SMS.

### 3. ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIVALENT

- 3.1. The above listed publications may be in electronic format in lieu of hard copies.
- 3.2. Electronic publications should be those issued by the IMO or the Administration or a body authorized by the Administration to ensure correctness of their contents and to safeguard against illegal copying.
- 3.3. The media (CD-ROM, Flash drive etc.) containing the electronic publications should be treated in accordance with the document control procedures in the ships' SMS including procedures for timely update.
- 3.4. Electronic nautical publications distributed directly by a Hydrographic Office or through a service approved by a Hydrographic Office may be carried to fulfill the requirements for the carriage of nautical publications, including Notices to Mariners, in Chapter V of SOLAS subject to the requirements of reference (b).

- 3.5. Where electronic nautical publications with electronic backup are carried, portions of the publications needed for navigation while the vessel is en-route between ports (tides and current tables, light list, etc.) should be printed and included with the voyage plan unless the electronic backup is an independent computer system with its own emergency source of power. Please refer to reference (b) for details regarding backup requirements for ECDIS and electronic nautical publications.
- 3.6. Notwithstanding the above, publications for emergency use, such as the IAMSAR Manual should always be available in the form of hard copies.

Yours sincerely,

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