TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AGENTS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: International Maritime Conventions and Other Instruments Adopted by the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Reference: RMI Maritime Regulations (MI-108), §2.11.2

PURPOSE

This Notice contains a list of the International Maritime Conventions, Protocols, and other instruments adopted by the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI); in accordance with RMI publication requirements of RMI Maritime Regulations (MI-108) §2.11.2. This Notice supersedes Rev. 05/14 and reflects the addition of several conventions and codes, including but not limited to: the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code), and the Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code).

APPLICABILITY

It is the responsibility of Owners and Masters to ensure that their vessels are in compliance with the applicable requirements of these International Conventions and Agreements. It shall also be the responsibility of the RMI ROs to effectively oversee Owner, Master, and vessel compliance with the applicable instruments for which they have been given authority under written agreement.

1.0 International Maritime Organization Instruments for which the RMI is a Contracting State

Compliance with the terms of the conventions, including all of the amendments that have entered into force, is required for vessels registered in the Marshall Islands. The scope of compliance includes any International Maritime Organization (IMO) Resolutions and Codes that are specified as mandatory in the convention. The IMO instruments for which the RMI is a Contracting State includes:

.1 Convention on the International Maritime Organization, 1948 (IMO CONVENTION);
.2 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), including the Protocols of 1978 and 1988, and amendments;

.3 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78) and amendments;¹

.4 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW), including the 2010 Manila amendments, and other amendments;


.6 International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 (TONNAGE 1969);²

.7 Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 as amended, (COLREG 1972);

.8 International Convention for Safe Containers 1972, as amended (CSC 1972);

.9 Convention on the International Mobile Satellite Organization, as amended, (IMSO C 1976);

.10 Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended (FAL 1965);

.11 1996 Protocol to the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (LC PROT 1996);

.12 International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties, 1969 (INTERVENTION 1969);

.13 Protocol Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Pollution by Substances Other than Oil, 1973, as amended (INTERVENTION PROT 1973);

.14 Protocol to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969 (CLC PROT 1976);

.15 Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969 (CLC PROT 1992);

.16 Protocol to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971 (FUND PROT 1976);
.17 Protocol of 1992 to Amend the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, (FUND PROT 92);

.18 2002 Protocol to the 1974 Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and Their Luggage by Sea (PAL PROT 02);

.19 Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976 (LLMC 1976) and 1996 Protocol (LLMC PROT 1996);

.20 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988 (SUA 88), and the Protocol of 2005 (SUA 2005);

.21 Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf (SUA PROT 88), and the Protocol of 2005 (SUA PROT 2005);

.22 International Convention on Salvage, 1989 (SALVAGE 1989);

.23 International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-Operation. 1990, as amended (OPRC 1990);

.24 International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 (BUNKERS 2001);

.25 International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (AFS 2001);

.26 International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships’ Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM 2004); and


2.0 IMO Codes and Instruments Implemented by the RMI

.1 International Code on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW Code), Part A;

.2 International Safety Management Code (ISM Code);

.3 International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code), Part A;

.4 International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code);

.5 International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code);
.6 International Code for the Application of Fire Test Procedures (FTP Code);  
.7 Technical Code on Control of Emission of Nitrogen Oxides from Marine Diesel Engines (NOX Technical Code) 2008;  
.8 International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code);  
.9 International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code);  
.10 International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code);  
.11 Code for the Safe Carriage of Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes in Flasks on Board Ships (INF Code);  
.12 International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (Grain Code);  
.13 International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft (1994 and 2000 HSC Codes);  
.14 International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code);  
.15 International Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships (ISPS Code);  
.16 Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (1979, 1989, and 2009 MODU Codes);  
.17 Code of International Standards and Recommended Practices for a Safety Investigation into a Marine Casualty or Marine Incident (Casualty Investigation Code);  
.18 International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code);  
.19 Code of Safe Practice for the Carriage of Cargoes and Persons by Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV Code);  
.20 Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code);  
.21 Code of Safe Practice for Ships Carrying Timber Deck Cargoes (2011 TDC Code);  
.22 International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections During Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers (2011 ESP Code);  
.23 Code for the Construction Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code);  

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.24 Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code);

.25 IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code);³

.26 International Code of Intact Stability (IS Code);³

.27 Code on Noise Levels On-board Ships (Noise Code);³

.28 International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code);³ and

.29 Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code).³

### 3.0 Additional Conventions, Standards, and Agreements for which the RMI is a Contracting State


.2 Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC), and the Doha Amendment to the Protocol, 2012;

.3 Paris Agreement on Climate Change, 2016;

.4 Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer 1985, as amended, including the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 1987, (Montreal Protocol);

.5 Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal (Basel Convention);

.6 Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;

.7 Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Rotterdam Convention);

.8 World Health Organization (WHO) International Health Regulations, 2005;

.9 Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), 1992, and Radio Regulations, as amended;

.10 Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations;

.11 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963;

.12 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961;
Convention and Statute on the International Regime of Maritime Ports, 1923;

Hague Convention on Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, 1961 (Apostille Convention);

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, 1958 (New York Convention);

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (CWC);

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT);

Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT);

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988; and


**4.0 U.S. Bilateral Agreements**

Compact of Free Association, as amended;

Cooperation to Suppress the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Their Delivery Systems, and Related Materials by Sea; and

Cooperative Shiprider and Shipboarding Agreement.

**5.0 Regional Agreements**

Convention for the Protection of Natural Resources and Environment in the South Pacific Region (Noumea Convention), 1986;

Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution in the South Pacific Region by Dumping (Protocol on Dumping), 1986;

Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Combating Pollution Emergencies in the South Pacific Region (Protocol on Pollution Emergencies), 1986;

Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP); and

Agreement establishing the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF).
6.0 Conventions applied, in whole or in part, under RMI National Law and Regulations

.1 1972 London Convention; and


7.0 International Labour Organization Instruments

.1 International Labour Organization (ILO) Constitution;

.2 Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), as amended;

.3 C185 – Seafarers’ Identity Documents Convention, 2003 (No.185); and

.4 ILO Conventions applied, in whole or in part, under RMI National Law and Regulations:

a. No. 87 Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize Convention, 1948;

b. No. 98 Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949;

c. No. 111 Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958;

d. No. 112 Minimum Age (Fishermen) Convention, 1959;

e. No. 113 Medical Examination (Fishermen) Convention, 1959;

f. No. 114 Fishermen’s Articles of Agreement Convention, 1959; and

g. No. 152 Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) Convention, 1979.

1 The RMI is signatory to Annexes I, II, III, IV, V, and VI, wherein the provisions of Regulation 13 are retroactive to 01 January 2000.

2 The RMI has adopted the IMO Resolutions that permit a previous national gross tonnage to also be placed on the International Tonnage Certificate for SOLAS compliance purposes. However, only the ITC 69 tonnage shall be used for ISPS Code compliance after 01 July 2008.

3 Code is mandatory under SOLAS, MARPOL, and/or STCW Convention.