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## MARINE NOTICE 203.2

**To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, and REGISTRATION OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION.**

**Subject: MLC, 2006 TITLE 2.5: REPATRIATION**

### 1. Reference:

- 1.1. Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006, TITLE 2.5;
- 1.2. Republic of Palau Admiralty and Maritime, Title 7/Chapter 8;
- 1.3. Republic of Palau Maritime Regulations / 26-june-2012.

### 2. Objective

- 2.1. The objective of this Marine Notice is to provide the shipowners and all parties involved, with the requirements to be presented to the Palau International Ship Registry (PISR) at the time of the MLC Inspection, as evidence that Regulation 2.5 and Standard A2.5 of the MLC 2006, as amended, and the Republic of Palau Maritime Regulations Chapter 7.11 are met.

### 3. Repatriation

- 3.1. Shipowners shall maintain financial security policy to ensure that seafarers are duly repatriated.
- 3.2. The financial security system may be in the form of, inter alia, social security schemes, insurance, a national fund, or other forms of financial security.
- 3.3. The shipowner shall ensure that the financial security system provides for the expenses relating to the repatriation of the seafarer. The expenses and any entitlements are to be met without cost to the seafarer, as specified in Republic of Palau Maritime Regulations Chapter 7.11.
- 3.4. Any document(s) of evidence of financial security system should be provided in English language and include:
  - 3.4.1. name of the ship;
  - 3.4.2. port of registry of the ship;
  - 3.4.3. IMO number or call sign of the ship;
  - 3.4.4. Name of the provider of the financial security;
  - 3.4.5. Place of business of the provider of the financial security;
  - 3.4.6. Name of the shipowner;
  - 3.4.7. Period of validity of the financial security;



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- 3.5. Seafarers shall not be required to serve on board a ship for a period exceeding 12 months, before being entitled to repatriation.
- 3.6. The shipowner shall not require that seafarers make an advance payment towards the cost of repatriation at the beginning of their employment.
- 3.7. The shipowner shall not recover the cost of repatriation from the seafarer's wages except where the seafarer has been discharged after being found to be in serious default of the seafarer's employment obligation in the seafarer's employment agreement, in accordance with the Republic of Palau Maritime Regulations Chapter 7.11 (e).
- 3.8. A DMLC Part I, Interim MLC or Full-Term MLC Certificate will be issued after verification of the evidence of financial security towards repatriation.
- 3.9. If PISR receives a complaint together with evidence that a ship does not conform to the requirements of Repatriation as required by the MLC, 2006, including the cancellation or expiration of Blue Cards covering sections 2.5 and 4.2 of the Convention, the Administrator shall request the withdrawal of the IMLC or ML Certificate until the provision of Financial Security is confirmed as required.
- 3.10. A monetary penalty of up to 5,000 USD may be imposed to the Owner if the Financial Security is not maintained as appropriate on-board Palau registered vessels.

**\*\*This Marine Notice supersedes  
Marine Notice 203.1\*\***

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