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MARINE CIRCULAR 203.1

To: JAPAN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

DEPUTY REGISTRARS, SHIPOWNERS, SHIPMANAGERS, DPAs, FLAG STATE INSPECTORS, ROs

Subject: RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ISSUED BY THE JAPAN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

1. Reference

1.1 Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on “Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers (STCW)” 1978, as amended.

2. Introduction

2.1 This Marine Circular provides attestation for recognition of Certificates of Competency (CoC) issued by the Japan Maritime Administration, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation I/10 of The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW), to recognize certificates and issue Palau Flag State Certificate of Endorsements (CoE) to a Master, Officer, GMDSS Radio Operator or other applicable seafarer, who are certified by the Japan Maritime Authority.

3. Applicability

3.1 The present Marine Circular applies to all commercial ships and yachts registered under Palau Flag.

4. Information

4.1 Palau Flag Administration attests the recognition of the Certificates of Competence issued by the Japan Maritime Administration.

Seafarers who hold a valid COC issued by the Japan Maritime Administration and have a Certificate of Endorsement (COE) issued by Palau Flag Administration are allowed to serve onboard Palau flagged vessels.

Palau Flag Administration recognizes COCs issued by the Japan Administration, on the basis that complete information as prescribed in article IV and section A-I/7 of the STCW Code has been communicated by the Japan Maritime Authorities to the Secretary General and such information is confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention.



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This Administration confirm that negotiations have been initiated to sign an undertaking agreement between the Government of the Republic of Palau and the Government of the Great Republic of Japan, as per the requirements of Regulation I/10 and IMO Guidelines MSC.1/Circ.1450.

5. Effective date and actions

5.1 This Marine Circular is effective immediately.

6. Contact

6.1 For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the PISR Seafarer Department at seafarer@palaureg.com

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