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MARINE CIRCULAR 211.3

To: MARITIME ADMINISTRATIONS, DEPUTY REGISTRARS, SHIOWNERS, SHIPMANAGERS, DPAs, FLAG STATE INSPECTORS, ROs

Subject: RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ISSUED BY OTHER MARITIME ADMINISTRATIONS

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 Maritime Administrations 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 other Maritime Administrations.

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 following Maritime Administrations, with which Bilateral Agreements have been signed:

Bangladesh	Liberia
Cook Islands	Kenya



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

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Australia	Romania
Georgia	Singapore

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4.3 Palau Flag Administration issues Certificates of Endorsement of the Certificates of Competence issued by the following Maritime Administrations, with which negotiations have been initiated to sign an undertaking agreement between the Government of the Republic of Palau and the Government of the respective countries, as per the requirements of Regulation I/10 and IMO Guidelines MSC.1/Circ.1450.

Algeria	Indonesia	South Africa
Bahamas	Jordan	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Korea, South	Thailand
Brunei Darussalam	Lebanon	Tunisia
Canada	Maldives	Turkey
Chile	Marshall Islands	Uganda
China	Nigeria	Ukraine
Colombia	Pakistan	Uruguay
Cuba	Panama	USA
Egypt	Peru	Vanuatu
Honduras	Philippines	Vietnam
India	Russia	

To this effect, while negotiations with the relevant Maritime Administrations are in progress and until an Agreement is concluded, Palau Flag Administration recognizes unilaterally the COCs issued by the above-mentioned Maritime Administrations, on the basis that complete



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information as prescribed in article IV and section A-I/7 of the STCW Code has been communicated by the respective country 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.

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

****This Marine Circular
supersedes Marine
Circular 211.2****

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