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MARINE CIRCULAR 3/2025

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TO : Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Recognized Organizations

SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF INVENTORY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (IHM)

PURPOSE :

This circular provides information relating to the implementation of the **HKC** and instructions on issuance of **SoC-IHM** and Part I of the **IHM**.

REFERENCES :

- (a) Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009
- (b) Ship Recycling Regulation No. 1257/2013 (EU SRR)
- (c) Resolution MEPC.269(68) Guidelines for the Development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials Resolution
- (d) MEPC 222(64) Guidelines for the Survey and Certification of Ships under the Hong Kong Convention

DEFINITIONS :

The following abbreviations stand for:

- EU – European Union
- EMSA – European Maritime Safety Agency
- HKC – The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009
- IHM – Inventory of Hazardous Materials
- ITC 69 – International Convention on the Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969
- PSC – Port State Control
- RfRC – Ready for Recycling Certificate
- RO – Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19)
- SoC-IHM – Statement of Compliance on Inventory of Hazardous Materials
- SRR – Ship Recycling Regulation

The term “**Administration**” shall mean the Kiribati Ship Registry.

APPLICATION :

1. This circular applies to Kiribati-flagged ships of 500 GT and above including:
 - 1.1. New ships (built on or after 26 June 2025)
 - 1.2. Existing ships (by 26 June 2025). After the date, ships preparing for recycling must carry a valid RfRC.
 - 1.3. Ships calling a State party to the **HKC**.
2. By 25 June 2030, all existing Kiribati-flagged ships must:
 - 2.1. Have an approved **IHM Part I, II & III**,
 - 2.2. Hold a valid **SoC-IHM**, and
 - 2.3. Be ready for recycling compliance if applicable.

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3. Certification Requirements

- 3.1. All applicable ships must carry a valid SoC-IHM issued by RO.
- 3.2. Ships calling EU ports must comply with both HKC & EU SRR (EU SRR No. 1257/2013).
- 3.3. Separate SoCs should be issued for HKC and EU SRR where applicable.

4. Action Required

- 4.1. Shipowners, managers and ROs are to ensure IHM certificate and maintenance is done as per MEPC.269(68).
- 4.2. ROs may issue SoC-IHM upon request after completion of required surveys.
- 4.3. IHM must be updated and maintained during the ship's life.

Yours sincerely,

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