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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** and a valid **SoC-IHM**,
- 2.2. For ships scheduled for recycling before that date, Parts II and III must also be developed in accordance with MEPC.379(80),

2.3. Parts II and III shall only be incorporated into the IHM before recycling.

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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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