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TO Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Charterers, Ship Masters, Ship Crew, Classification Societies and the Shipping Community

SUBJECT Remote Port State Control (PSC) Inspections by Tokyo MOU

PURPOSE

The purpose of this circular is to inform the above parties on the Tokyo MOU's decision to implement remote PSC inspections as an alternative to maintain PSC activities during the COVID-19 pandemic where physical inspections cannot take place.

The Tokyo MOU has implemented the remote PSC inspection scheme from 01 April 2021.

APPLICATION:

This circular applies to all Kiribati flagged ships that are subject to PSC inspection.

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- "APCIS" – Asia-Pacific Computerized Information System
- "BWM" – Ballast Water Management
- "BWRB" – Ballast Water Record Book
- "COE" – Certificate of Endorsement
- "CRB" – Cargo Record Book
- "CSR" – Continuous Synopsis Record
- "GMDSS" – Global Maritime Distress Safety System
- "GRB" – Garbage Record Book
- "MSMC" – Minimum safe manning Certificate
- "OLB" – Official Log Book
- "ORB" – Oil Record Book
- "PSC" – Port State Control
- "PSCO" – Port State Control Officer
- "RO" – Recognised Organisation as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19)
- "TMOU" – Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Asia-Pacific

The term "Administration" shall mean the Kiribati Ship Registry.

BACKGROUND:

1. It is not compulsory for a ship to carry out a remote PSC inspection, however, should a remote PSC inspection be carried out, please note that the selection of ships for remote PSC inspections shall be at the discretion of the Port State Authority in accordance with the existing inspection regime, and is not decided based on requests from the ship.
2. Remote PSC inspections shall generally apply for initial inspections and ships are generally not subjected to repeated and/or consecutive remote PSC inspections, however, the Port State Authority

may carry out a more detailed inspection and/or detain a ship during the remote PSC inspection should it be necessary.

3. We understand that the recording and /or reporting of remote PSC inspections on APCIS database shall be distinguished between remote and normal physical inspections.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

4. It is this Administration's opinion that shipping certificates and documents may be the focal point of remote PSC inspections, and therefore provides a non-exhaustive list of the important shipping certificates and documents required on most ship types:

- 4.1. Please refer to IMO circular FAL.2/Circ.131 & Kiribati Marine Circular 56/2020 for guidance on the list of publications, certificates and documents required to be carried onboard ships.

- 4.2. Minimum safe manning Certificate

All ships must ensure that the manning onboard meets the requirements of the MSMC and ships are properly manned in accordance with the requirements of this Administration.

- 4.3. Certificates of Endorsement

In accordance to Kiribati Marine Circular 30/2015, all officers serving onboard a Kiribati flagged ship shall hold valid Kiribati COE.

- 4.4. Continuous Synopsis Record

In accordance to SOLAS Chapter XI-1 Reg 5, all ships requiring to maintain a CSR file shall ensure that all CSR document number are filed together in chronological order for easy inspection by the PSCO. It is the responsibility of the Company to ensure that the CSR file is complete, accurate, and maintained (as original) onboard. In case of loss or damage to a ship's CSR file, the Company must contact this Administration without delay, and list the documents lost or damaged.

- 4.5. Ballast Water Record Book (BWRB)

In accordance to Kiribati Marine Circular 35/2016, all ships that are required to comply with the BWM Convention Reg B-2 must maintain a BWRB onboard and record each operation concerning ballast water without delay. Each entry is to be signed by the officer in charge of the operation concerned and each completed page is to be signed by the master.

- 4.6. GMDSS Radio Logbook

All ships fitted with GMDSS ship radio stations must maintain a GMDSS Radio Logbook. The logbook entries must be updated and kept on the navigation bridge, conveniently located to the radio installation, and easily available for inspection by Radio Surveyors and other authorized personnel.

In accordance with SOLAS Chapter IV Reg 17, the radio logbook must record all incidents connected with the radio communication service which appear to be important for the safety of life at sea.

- 4.7. Garbage Record Book

All ships of 400 GT and above, and every other ship regardless of tonnage certified to carry 15 or more persons, and all fixed or floating platforms, must maintain a GRB. Please refer to MARPOL Annex V Regulation 10 for more information.

4.8. Official Log Book

In accordance to Kiribati Marine Circular 42/2018, all ships registered under Kiribati Flag (except for unmanned, non-propelled ships and pleasure yachts) must maintain an OLB with up to date entries signed off by the Master or by an officer authorized by the Master. The OLB is an important legal document to this Administration as well as to Masters and Officers on ships as it may be requested as evidence in court in the event of any dispute or incident.

4.9. Oil Record Book & Cargo Record Book

The ORB (as required by MAPROL Annex I Reg 17 and 36) and CRB (as required by MAPROL Annex II Reg 15) requires all tank ships to maintain these record books in which all operations relating to loading, transfer, unloading, cleaning, ballasting and discharge of cargoes, oily residues or oily-water mixtures are to be recorded on a daily and tank by tank basis.

REFERENCES:

- (a) TOKYO MOU Press Release – Tokyo MOU Launched Guidance on Remote PSC Inspection, dated 09 March 2021
- (b) IMO circular FAL.2/Circ.131 – List of Certificates and Documents Required to be Carried on Board Ships, dated 19 July 2017
- (c) Kiribati Circular 30/2015 – Electronic Certificates of Endorsement
- (d) Kiribati circular 35/2016 – Ballast Water Management Convention
- (e) Kiribati circular 42/2018 – Guidance on entry of Official Log Book
- (f) Kiribati Circular 56/2020 – Requirements on carriage of publications onboard Kiribati ships

Yours sincerely,

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