

**The Republic of Palau**  
**Palau International Ship Registry**  
*“The Sea Lane to Prosperity”*

**MARINE CIRCULAR 15-009 Detention Policy for Palau Vessels**

To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Subject: Detention Policy for Palau Registered Vessels

1. Introduction

1.1 This Circular serves as the guidelines to follow in order to avoid a detention or recurrence of a detention of a Palau Registered vessel.

1.2 It is required strict compliance with this circular from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.

2. For New Vessels Looking Registration under the Palau Flag

2.1 As part of our precautionary action, for any new vessel with a history of two or more detentions within a 12 month period will NOT be accepted under the Palau Flag.

2.2 For new vessels looking for registration with one detention within the last 12 months the following will apply in order to be considered for registration:

2.2.1 The vessel has to present confirmation from the Recognized Organization (at the time of detention) that all rectification has been rectified together with the detention notice and release notice accordingly.

2.2.2 The vessel must be an IACS Recognized Organization. If the Intended RO is not IACS, the Palau International Ship Registry will review the performance of the RO in the MOU of the Trading Area in order to see if approval can be granted.

2.2.3 The vessel will be subjected to Annual Inspection within the first 6 to 12 months from the time of registry regardless if the vessel has been detained or inspected by a PSC during this time.

- 2.2.4 The vessel must be update in annual / intermediate surveys, dry dock survey and special survey and no outstanding recommendation should be pending at the time of registration
3. All vessels that have been detained one or two times during a 12 month period will be subject to:
- 3.1 . Unscheduled survey arranged by Palau Flag Administration and done by an approved Flag Inspector. Survey shall be carried out within 30 days from the date of the detention. Survey will include general examination of the vessel including a seaworthiness survey and if required by the Administration, an ISM audit; verification of Flag Documentation on board the vessel; and any other survey considered necessary in order to insure acceptable condition of the vessel.
- 3.2 Palau International Ship Registry will charge usd.1000.00 for the unscheduled survey. Flag Inspector traveling expenses will be collected by the surveyor directly from the vessel or managing company at the time or prior to the survey.
- 3.3 If the vessel is due for annuals or intermediate surveys at the time of detention, the vessel should carried out said surveys within the next three ports of arrival or within 15 days whichever occurs first.
4. All vessels with 3 or more detentions in a 24 month period will be also subject to suspension from the Palau Registry.