

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

**MARINE CIRCULAR 15-001 PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFER OF
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**

To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, OPERATORS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

Subject: PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFER OF THE CERTIFICATION OF RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

1. Introduction

1.1 This Circular serves as the guidelines for Recognized Organizations to ensure that the transfer of class-related matters between Recognized Organizations is processed in a transparent and adequate manner.

1.2 Provided that the Code for Recognized Organizations (RO CODE), indicates that all Recognized Organizations shall establish and implement appropriate common requirements and procedures for the transfer of class-related and statutory certification including the requirements expected from both losing and gaining Recognized Organization.

1.3 For Recognized Organizations that do not implement IACS PR1A Procedure for Transfer of Class are required to implement the Circular issued by the IMO MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.2 – SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION – RELATED MATTERS – Guidelines for Administrations to ensure the adequacy of transfer of class-related matters between Recognized Organizations

1.4 For Recognized Organizations that implement IACS PR1A Procedure for Transfer of Class are not required to implement this circular.

1.5 Through this Circular, Recognized Organizations authorized by Palau International Ship Registry are expected to have and implement procedures for the transfer of class-related matters following IACS PR1A Procedures for Transfer of Class or MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.2.

1.6 Shipowners and Ship Operators / Managers are requested to acknowledge this Circular and cooperate with the loosing and gaining Recognized Organizations for the implementation of the procedures for Transfer of Class.

1.7 Recognized Organization can contact the Palau International Ship Registry – Technical Department when information is to be consulted during the transfer of Class.

1.8 During the transfer of Class of a vessel under the Palau Flag, the Palau International Ship Registry – Technical Department may request:

- Evidence of communication among the loosing and gaining RO
- Latest survey status of the vessel issued by the loosing RO
- If there are overdue surveys or outstanding recommendations, these should be dealt with the loosing RO prior to the change of RO.
- In the event that the loosing RO will not close or carry out the surveys, a Flag Inspection shall be carried out together with the gaining RO in order to ensure all overdue surveys and outstanding recommendations are dealt with prior to the issuance of statutory certificates.

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