

The Republic of Palau
Palau International Ship Registry
“The Reliable Flag to Prosperity”

**MARINE NOTICE 12-009 APPLICATION AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING
EXEMPTION AND EQUIVALENT CERTIFICATE**

To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF SHIPS FLYING UNDER THE PALAU FLAG, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION AND FLAG INSPECTORS.

Subject: Application for Exemptions, Equivalent Certificate, Dispensation and Service Extensions

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Purpose

1.1 This Notice clarifies terminology used to describe allowances issued by the Palau International Ship Registry (the “Administrator”) in accordance with statutory provisions, and establishes the Administrator’s policy for their issuance and use.

2. Applicability

2.1 This Notice is applicable to all the Republic of Palau flagged vessels, including MODU.

II. REQUIREMENTS

1 Definitions

1.1 Exemption: An Exemption is a permanent release from compliance with a Statutory Convention requirement due to the existence of specific circumstances as sanctioned by the provisions of that Convention. The Exemption Certificate is

linked to, and retained with, its associated statutory certificate, and is issued by the Recognized Organization (RO) issuing that certificate under authorization from the Administrator. Applications for Exemptions can also be requested directly by the shipowner, however, the Administrator will discuss with the Classification Society before issuing such exemption.

1.2 Equivalence: An Equivalence is an arrangement which provides the same general level of safety or intent of a Convention requirement without meeting all criteria for full compliance. Such arrangements can be accomplished, either independently or in combination with, alternative equipment, additional procedures/precautions, operational restrictions, etc. Equivalences, when granted, will be communicated to the IMO.

1.3 Dispensation: A Dispensation is a temporary allowance granted in writing (Dispensation Letter) by the Administrator to permit a ship to proceed without being in full compliance with a specific Convention requirement due to mitigating circumstances preventing the immediate rectification of the subject deficiency. Dispensations are issued with time specific corrective action requirements compliance with which are reportable to the Administrator by the expiration date.

1.4 Extension: A Extension is a postponement of the term of validity of a Statutory certificate, servicing interval, or Dispensation, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Convention, due to extenuating circumstances encountered that prevent the crediting of a requisite task prior to the nominal due date. Extensions of servicing intervals in particular are referred to as "Service Extensions." Extensions are also issued with time specific corrective action requirements compliance with which are reportable to the Administrator by the expiration date.

2 Application for Exemptions, Equivalence, Dispensation and Extension:

2.1 Exemptions application will be received from the Classification Society or directly by the shipowner. The Classification Society will be contacted in the case that the shipowner is contacts the Administrator directly. The Application for Exemption should be filled specifying the Convention and Regulation to be exempted and if there is any conditions or alternatives that the vessel have in order have the Exemption approved. The process of reviewing the Exemption Application is one business day.

2.2 Equivalence application can be received directly by the Classification Society or the shipowner. The Application should show detailed information of the alternative / equivalence. The process of reviewing an Equivalence Application is 3 to 5 business days.

2.3 Extensions / Dispensations: application will be received from the Classification Society or directly by the shipowner. The Classification Society will be contacted in the case that the shipowner is contacts the Administrator directly. The Application for Extensions / Dispensation should described in clarity the reasons why the vessel cannot comply with the provisions at the time. If the vessel is detained, a full detention report needs to be presented. The Administrator may imposed further conditions including specific time for compliance, verification from repair yard, verification from service providers, technician, etc.

2.4 All Exemptions, Dispensations, Equivalences and Extensions must be paid in full at the time of application and proof of payment should be shown in order to proceed with the approval / issuance.

3. Contact

3.1 To request additional information or to send the application, you can contact:

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