

VANUATU FLAG ADMINISTRATION NEW CIRCULARS

URACOS Technical Department is pleased to provide you with this summary of recent circulars issued by the Vanuatu Flag State, which may be relevant to your vessel operations. This circular is intended to provide a consolidated overview of important information to help ensure your vessels' compliance and safe operation.

Summary of Vanuatu Flag State Circulars:

Below are summaries of important circulars recently issued by the Vanuatu Flag State:

FLEET SAFETY LETTER 120924 GEN. Early Application of the Amendments to SEEMP Part II on a Voluntary Basis and Reporting of Revised Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Data

Summary: This circular encourages the early and voluntary application of amendments to Part II of the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP) adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC). It also addresses the reporting of revised ship fuel oil consumption data. The amendments aim to enhance ships' energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

FLEET SAFETY LETTER 122324 GEN. PSC FOCUS ON MARPOL VI

Summary: This circular announces an increased focus by Port State Control (PSC) inspections on compliance with MARPOL Annex VI (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) regulations. Vessel operators are urged to ensure full compliance with MARPOL Annex VI requirements, particularly concerning fuel sulfur content, NOx emissions, and other air pollution prevention measures, to prepare for potential PSC inspections.

FLEET SAFETY LETTER_ 111024.GEN-CHANGE OF SSAS ADDRESS

Summary: This circular informs of a change in the contact address for the Ship Security Alert System (SSAS). Ship operators and masters should verify and update their SSAS contact information to ensure accurate and timely communication in case of emergencies.

FSL 012225 GEN. Pre-Arrival Checklist Requirements for Vessels Arriving in Paris MOU, U.S., and Tokyo MOU

Ports Summary: This circular highlights the pre-arrival checklist requirements for vessels calling at ports within the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the United States, and the Tokyo MOU regions. Vessel operators should ensure that the required checklists are completed and necessary documentation is prepared before arrival at these ports to facilitate smooth Port State Control inspections and avoid potential detentions.

FLEET SAFETY LETTER 012525-2.GEN Implementation of Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area (ECA) Regulations

Summary: This circular announces the implementation of Emission Control Area (ECA) regulations in the Mediterranean Sea. Vessels operating in the Mediterranean ECA are required to comply with stricter limits on sulfur oxide (SOx) emissions. Ship operators should ensure the use of compliant fuel or implement equivalent emission reduction technologies when navigating within this ECA.

LEET SAFETY LETTER 123024.GEN Amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk

Summary: This circular promulgates amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (IMSBC Code). Operators and masters of vessels carrying grain in bulk are advised to familiarize themselves with the updated IMSBC Code requirements and adjust their operations accordingly to enhance the safety of grain carriage and prevent cargo shift.

Circular No 1224 Implementation of New Compliance Policy with the Paris MOU

Summary: This circular announces the implementation of a new compliance policy with the Paris MOU. This new policy may indicate stricter enforcement and potentially increased inspections for vessels calling at Paris MOU ports. Vessel operators are advised to maintain high standards of vessel maintenance and operational procedures to ensure full compliance with Paris MOU requirements.

Circular No.10 Annual Safety Inspection and General Condition Survey terms

Summary: This circular clarifies the terms and conditions for annual safety inspections and general condition surveys. Vessel operators are reminded to schedule their vessels' annual inspections in a timely manner and ensure all necessary preparations are made for these surveys. These inspections are crucial for verifying the safety and condition of vessels and maintaining the validity of class certificates.

Circular No.11 Penalty Fee for late informations

Summary: This circular informs about the penalty fees that will be applied for the late submission of required information to the Vanuatu Flag State or relevant authorities. Vessel operators are urged to ensure timely submission of all required information to avoid penalty fees. This highlights the importance of prompt and accurate information sharing.

The circulars summarized above contain important information relevant to your vessel operations. All vessel operators and relevant personnel are encouraged to review these circulars carefully and implement the necessary measures. URACOS Technical Department is always available to assist you in ensuring compliance and safe operations. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Sincerely,