

# VANUATU FLAG ADMINISTRATION NEW CIRCULARS

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Notice to: Ship Owners / Managers/ Operators

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:

**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.

**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.

Detailed information regarding URACOS circulars, including updates on regulations and guidelines, can be found at <https://uracos.org/circulars>.