TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: E-Addresses of Governmental Authorities for Facilitating the Exchange of Electronic Information.

References: **(a)**   **IMO Circular** FAL.5/Circ.37, *E-addresses of governmental authorities for facility the exchange of electronic information*, dated 15 October 2011.

(b)   **RMI Marine Notice** 2-011-20, *Notice of Intended Entry into Port*

PURPOSE

This Marine Guideline provides information to facilitate electronic information exchange between ships and shore-based authorities. It supersedes version Oct/2006, and refers the user to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Global Integrated Information System (GISIS) database for the most updated E-Addresses for Government Authorities. It also describes how to access this information in the database.

APPLICABILITY

This Guideline applies to all Marshall Islands-flagged vessels.

GUIDANCE

1.0   The GSIS database module *Facilitation of International Traffic* contains information on the E-Addresses of Governmental Authorities. Besides giving the entity's contact details, it indicates the format that data must take when information is exchanged between ship and shore, and other particulars necessary for safe and secure information handling.

2.0   The GISIS module contains the most current E-Address information. It is based on the latest published circular, FAL.5/Circ.37, and is updated by the IMO Secretariat as new contact information becomes available.

3.0   To access the E-Address information in GISIS go to the IMO's main webpage and click on the GISIS platform at the bottom of the page. Once in the GISIS Public Area, click on the *Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic* module and go to the E-Address tab. To use this Public Area of GISIS, registration is required, but is free.