



**REPUBLIC OF  
THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR**

**Marine Notice**

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

**SUBJECT: International Maritime Instruments Adopted by the Republic of the Marshall  
Islands**

**Reference:** (a) **RMI Maritime Act, 1990** ([MI-107](#))  
(b) **RMI Maritime Regulations** ([MI-108](#)), §2.11.2

### **PURPOSE**

This Marine Notice identifies the international treaties, conventions, protocols, codes, regulations, and agreements (“international maritime instruments”) that have entered into force and to which the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) is a Party or has declared a national standard. RMI Maritime Regulations ([MI-108](#)) §2.11.2 requires its publication.

This Notice supersedes Rev. Feb/2017. It has been restructured for easier use.

### **APPLICABILITY**

This Notice applies to:

- Shipowners and Masters who must ensure that their vessels registered in the RMI comply with the applicable requirements; and
- RMI Recognized Organizations that must effectively oversee shipowner, Master, and vessel compliance with the applicable instruments for which they have been given authority under written agreement.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

#### **1.0 General Requirements**

Vessels registered in the RMI must comply with international maritime instruments, including their amendments, that have entered into force for the RMI.

## 2.0 International Maritime Organization (IMO)

- 2.1 IMO Conventions that the RMI has ratified are listed in Table 1 ([MI-130A](#)). For further details refer to the IMO's [GISIS Ratification page](#).<sup>1</sup>
- 2.2 Complying with IMO instruments includes adherence to all IMO Codes and other international instruments that are designated as mandatory. Refer to Table 2 ([MI-130B](#)).

## 3.0 International Labour Organization (ILO)

- 3.1 The RMI is a party to the following ILO maritime conventions:
  - .1 Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006)
  - .2 C185 – Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 2003 (No.185)<sup>2</sup>
- 3.2 Refer to the [ILO NORMLEX database](#) for ratification details.

## 4.0 Other International Maritime Instruments and Agreements

- 4.1 Other international maritime instruments and agreements to which the RMI is a Party are in Table 3 ([MI-130C](#)).
- 4.2 A comprehensive list of all international instruments to which RMI is a Party can be found in the [United Nations Treaty Collection](#). In the Participant Search tab, filter for the "Marshall Islands".

## 5.0 National Standards

International maritime instruments to which the RMI is **not** a Party, or are not mandatory, may be applied as a national standard, in whole or in part. They are specified in this Notice or relevant Marine Notices and Technical Circulars.

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1. Users will need to register for a free public account.
2. The amendments of the annexes to C. 185 adopted in 2016 will not enter into force for RMI and, therefore, are not applicable.