



REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

Marine Notice

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

**SUBJECT: Requirements for the Reporting of the Loss of Freight Containers or the
Observation of Freight Containers Drifting at Sea**

References: (a) **SOLAS**, *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, Consolidated Edition 2024*
(b) **IMO Resolution [MSC.550\(108\)](#)**, *Amendments to Chapters II-2 and V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, adopted 23 May 2024*
(c) **RMI [Maritime Act 1990](#)**
(d) **RMI [Maritime Regulations](#)** (MI-108)
(e) **RMI Rules for Marine Investigations and Administrative Proceedings ([MI-260](#))**

PURPOSE

This Marine Notice (MN) implements the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator's (the "Administrator") requirements for the reporting of the loss of freight container(s) or the observation of freight containers drifting at sea, in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Regulations V/31 and V/32. It contains SOLAS amendments in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Resolution [MSC.550\(108\)](#) that enter into force 1 January 2026.

APPLICABILITY

This MN applies to all RMI-flagged vessels with effect from 1 January 2026.

REQUIREMENTS

1.0 Application of SOLAS Regulations V/31 and V/32

- 1.1 Masters of RMI-flagged vessels that are involved in the loss of freight containers, are required to communicate the particulars of such an incident by appropriate means, without delay, and to the fullest extent possible to ships in the vicinity, to the nearest coastal State, and to the Administrator. It is recognized that at the time of the initial reporting, some information regarding the incident may not be available. Any subsequent and/or additional information must be reported by the Master at the earliest opportunity after the initial reporting.
- 1.2 Additionally, Masters are required to communicate the particulars of an observation of drifting freight containers, by appropriate means, without delay, and to the fullest extent possible to ships in the vicinity and to the nearest coastal State.
- 1.3 In the event of an RMI-flagged vessel being abandoned, or in the event of a report being incomplete or unobtainable from such an RMI-flagged vessel, the Company¹ must, to the fullest extent possible, assume the obligations placed upon the Master as referred to in §1.1 above.

2.0 Reporting

- 2.1 The Administrator requires all incidents of loss of containers to be reported, without delay, and to the fullest extent possible to the Administrator in accordance with the reporting requirements contained within the [MI-260](#).
- 2.2 The *Reporting in the Event of Loss of Containers* ([MI-109-8](#)) must be completed and sent to the Administrator at investigations@register-iri.com, in the event of a loss of containers from an RMI-flagged vessel.
- 2.3 The *Observation of Freight Container(s) Drifting at Sea* ([MI-109-7](#)) must be completed and sent to the Administrator at investigations@register-iri.com, in the event of containers observed drifting at sea by an RMI-flagged vessel. The nearest coastal State must also be notified.
- 2.4 The MI-109-7 and MI-109-8 must be completed by the Master, or Company (refer to §§1.1 and 1.3).
- 2.5 The Administrator will report all communications received in accordance with §2.2 to the IMO.

¹ "Company" means the owner of the ship or any other organization or person such as the manager, or the bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for operation of the ship from the owner of the ship and who on assuming such responsibility has agreed to take over all the duties and responsibilities imposed by the International Safety Management Code.