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

SUBJECT: Required Documents and Publications for Ship Radio Stations

References: (a) SOLAS, International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea Consolidated Edition 2014, as amended

PURPOSE

Certain vessels are required by the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Chapter IV to have “Ship Radio Stations.” These stations are to be licensed and such vessels are required to carry certain related documents and publications. This Notice supersedes Rev. 08/16 and updates the titles of the documents to be carried.

APPLICABILITY

These requirements apply to all Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-flagged vessels equipped with a ship radio station.

REQUIREMENTS

1.0 Documents and Publications to Be Carried

In addition to the Ship Radio Station license, Certificates of Competency of the Radio Operator or Operators, and the Radio Log, the following publications must be carried aboard all RMI-flagged vessels to which this Marine Notice applies.

1.1 Radiotelephone Installations

.1 International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Publication “List IV – List of Coast Stations and Special Service Stations” (Latest edition);

.2 ITU Publication “Manual for Use by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Services (Maritime Manual)” (Latest edition); and

.3 ITU Radio Regulations (Volume 1 to 4) – Carriage onboard is optional.
1.2 Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Fitted Installations

.1 ITU Publication “List V – List of Ship Stations and Maritime Mobile Service Identity Assignments” (Latest edition);

.2 ITU Publication “List IV – List of Coast Stations and Special Service Stations” (Latest edition) containing a list of coast station and coast earth stations with which communications are likely to be established, showing watch-keeping hours, frequencies and charges, and a list of coast stations and coast earth stations providing navigational and meteorological warnings, and other urgent information for ships;

.3 ITU Publication “Manual for Use by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Services (Maritime Manual)” (Latest edition); and

.4 ITU Radio Regulations (Volume 1 to 4) – Carriage onboard is optional.

2.0 Publication Revisions and Format

2.1 The ITU publications listed above are current at the time of this Marine Notice’s publication. The International Telecommunication Union publishes regular revisions, and interested parties are to check the ITU website for the latest revisions to any of the publications listed above.

2.2 Carriage requirements may be satisfied by either printed or electronic formats. Should an electronic format be used, there must be a backup capability should the primary system on which the electronic format is usually accessed be out of service.

3.0 Maintenance Agreements

While not a requirement, it is recommended that vessels, for which there has been a shore-based maintenance agreement made, have a copy of the agreement on board.

4.0 Where to Obtain Publications

ITU publications may be purchased directly from:

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
Conference and Publications Department Sales and Marketing Division
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