



**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: Periodically Unattended Machinery Spaces (PUMS); Requirements for Safety of Operation and Reduced Manning

References: (a) **Classification Society Rules**
(b) **IMO Resolution A.325(IX), Regulations 24-32, Adopted 12 November 1975**
(c) **SOLAS 1974 as Amended Chapter II-1, Part E**

PURPOSE:

This Notice sets forth the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator's (the "Administrator") manning policy for the safe operation of vessels with automated machinery installations. This Notice supersedes Rev. 5/14 and reflects the updating of DNV company name in §1.4.

APPLICABILITY:

Ships with machinery installations, approved by an authorized Classification Society for the assignment of the "Periodically Unattended Machinery Spaces" (PUMS) notation, will be eligible for a reduction in the number of engineering personnel.

REQUIREMENTS:

1.0 Periodically Unattended Machinery Space Installations

1.1 For guidance in the installation of PUMS arrangements, the requirements of the 1981 Amendments to SOLAS 1974 at Chapter II-1 Part E, should be used. These are generally covered by the Classification Society Rules. However, certain requirements of the Regulations are in addition to the Class Rules as now in force and, wherever reasonable and practicable, should be incorporated into the installation.

1.2 Newbuildings contracted for after 31 December 1983, shall fully comply with SOLAS as amended.

1.3 When a certain requirement of SOLAS Chapter II-1 Part E is not considered reasonable, practical or applicable to a particular vessel, the Administrator will consider waiving the requirement upon request by the owner.

1.4 The applicable notations are:

American Bureau of Shipping	ACCU, ABCU
Bureau Veritas	AUT, AUT-MS
China Classification Society	AUT-0, AUT-1
ClassNK	M0
Croatian Register of Shipping	AUT1, AUT2, AUT3
DNV	E0 (Legacy DNV), AUT (Legacy GL)
Indian Register of Shipping	SYJ
Korean Register	UMA
Lloyd's Register	UMS
Polski Rejestr Statkow	A + Hours
RINA Service S.p.A.	IAQ-1
Russian Maritime Register of Shipping	A + Hours

2.0 Reduction allowance

The reduction allowed will be in the number of Assistant Engineer Officers and Oilers ordinarily required in vessels of 3000 kW (4,000 HP) and above, and those below 3000 kW and below 750 kW (1,000 HP), the particular machinery and area of operation being taken into account.

3.0 Certification

The reduced engineer manning will be covered in the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate. In the future, only extraordinary cases will be covered by the issuance of Dispensation.

4.0 Examinations

4.1 Authorized Surveyors

All examinations are to be carried out by authorized surveyors of the relevant Classification Society as prescribed in their Rules.

4.2 Annual Examination

Periodic and annual examinations of the PUMS arrangements are to be carried out at the time prescribed in the Classification Society's Rules.