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Voluntary Compliance with ILO Convention No. 152

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) became a member of the International Labor Organization (ILO) on 3 July 2007. Vessels registered in the RMI are not required to comply with certain ILO Convention requirements to which the Marshall Islands has not previously become a party.
- 1.2 The RMI Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) recognizes certain ILO Conventions as industry standards for which voluntary compliance is encouraged. This includes the ILO Convention No. 152, Part III, Articles 21 – 32 for *Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work)*. Vessel owners and operators are encouraged to implement, maintain, or comply with the requirements contained in these Articles to the extent practicable up to 31 December 2025.
- 1.3 A voluntary Cargo Gear Certificate or Record under the ILO Convention No. [152](#)¹ may be maintained until 31 December 2025. Any further record keeping on or after 1 January 2026 must be in accordance with International Maritime Organization (IMO) Circular [MSC.1/Circ.1663](#).

2.0 Clarifications

- 2.1 The Recognized Organization (RO) issuing the Classification Certificate for a vessel is considered to be the “competent person” or “competent authority” specified in the Convention.
- 2.2 The competent authority will establish the format for the Cargo Gear Certificate or Record and any other “authenticated records” used for certifying lifting appliances and loose gear.
- 2.3 The five-year survey interval specified in ILO Convention No. 152, Article 22 is acceptable to the Administrator for harmony with the drydocking and survey intervals specified in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS).

¹ The ILO Governing Body has determined that Convention No. [152](#) may be denounced 5 December 2031- 5 December 2032.

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- 2.4 Ships that carry onboard Cargo Gear Certificates, Records or Registers issued under ILO Convention No. [152](#) will continue to be recognized by the Administrator for vessels transferring into the RMI flag on or after 1 January 2026. The RO must verify the requirements of SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-13 during the first due survey for lifting appliances, anchor handling winches, or loose gear. Refer to RMI Marine Notice [2-011-62](#).
