NOTICE TO MARINERS Ref: 1 of 2013

Title: Familiarisation with the Republic of Mauritius National Maritime Legislation

Notice to Ship owners, Operators, Agents, Masters, Ship Officers and Recognised Organisations.

Summary

The purpose of this Notice is to inform seafarers of any nationality when serving onboard a Mauritian ship of the requirements for familiarisation with the Republic of Mauritius National Maritime Legislations and the need for compliance to assure safe and effective ship operations and protection of the marine environment.

1.0 Merchant Shipping Notice No.1 of 2001 called for Owners and Masters of ships under the Mauritian flag to ensure that copies of all texts of Law and Mauritian regulations are readily available onboard ships so that ships personnel are fully conversant with same and aware of their duties, obligations and responsibilities as provided for in the enactments and shipping notices in force.

2.0 This present Notice further requires that a person holding a valid certificate issued by a State fully applying the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, 1978, as amended, and who in the opinion of this Ministry is qualified to serve onboard a Mauritian flagged vessel at management and operational levels, must be fully familiar with the Republic of Mauritius National Maritime Legislation.

3.0 Since this requirement is also stated in IMO Resolution A.891 (21), paragraph 6.2.2.10. as a condition for the issuance of a Certificate of Competence as Offshore Installation Manager for service on Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU’s), the contents of this Notice will also apply to offshore installation managers serving on MODU’s.
4.0 Recognised organisations with whom this Ministry has agreements governing the delegation of statutory certification and verification services for conducting ISM verifications shall ensure that the contents of this Notice are put into application by shipboard personnel and by company’s designated person ashore (DPA) during Ism audits.

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