

# Palau International Ship Registry



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## MARINE CIRCULAR 173.1

**To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, DEPUTY REGISTRARS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**Subject: TYPE APPROVED EQUIPMENT FOR THE PALAU FLAG VESSELS**

### 1. Reference

- 1.1 IMO Mandatory Requirements, Resolutions. Circulars
- 1.2 Regulation (EU) 2018/773 of 15 May 2018 & Directive 2014/90/EU
- 1.3 SOLAS/MARPOL and other relevant IMO Conventions

### 2. Purpose

2.1 This Marine Circular provides guidance regarding Palau Ship Registry Administrator's interpretations regarding the type approved equipment provided on board for the Palau flag vessels as below

- Life-saving appliances
- Marine Pollution prevention equipment
- Fire protection equipment
- Navigational equipment
- Radio-communication equipment
- Equipment under SOLAS Chapter II-1 & COLREG 72
- Other safety equipment

### 3. Applicability

3.1 This Marine Circular is applicable to the marine equipment as refer above for use on Palau flag vessels.

### 4. General

4.1 IMO Conventions require marine equipment, fittings, systems, etc on vessels to be tested and approved by the Administration to ensure they comply with the requirements or applicable provisions of the Conventions, Codes, specifications, performance standards and guidelines developed by the IMO.

### 5. Compliance

5.1 The RO is authorized to approve and accept the equipment for use on Palau vessels on behalf of Palau International Ship Registry (PISR) when:

- a) The equipment is approved and fully certified to the applicable IMO requirements by any of the ROs. Such approved equipment shall bear the marking of the RO that carried out the type approval. The marking shall be traceable to the certification and test documentation of the equipment



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- b) The equipment is approved by the RO or by a duly authorized Notified Body under the Marine Equipment Directive 96/98/EC (EC MED) and issued with valid and appropriate MED Certificates, and marked accordingly
  - c) The equipment is approved by another SOLAS/ MARPOL contracting recognized government
- 5.2 The ROs are authorized to accept the equipment after verifying the following applicable documentation:
- a) The equipment is appropriately approved by a Notified Body under the EC MED with the applicable IMO requirements identified on the Module Certificates and which take into account the construction date of the vessel and latest requirements.
  - b) The type-approval or approval certificates issued by the RO or government are valid. In the absence of any proper documentation, the ROs shall not accept the equipment.
- 5.3 When the equipment is not approved in accordance with the requirements above, the RO may submit their recommendation with the relevant documents to PISR for consideration.
- 5.4 For equipment that is already provided on the vessel which does not have approval marking or certification, the equipment is acceptable for use on board, provided:
- a) it is in good working condition; and
  - b) it is to the satisfaction of the RO.

If the equipment is subsequently replaced, it shall be replaced in accordance with paragraph 5

## 6 Contact

- 6.4 Any inquiries concerning the subject for this Marine Notice should be directed to the Head Office of Palau International Ship Registry at [info@palaureg.com](mailto:info@palaureg.com)

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