	The Republic of Palau **Palau International Ship Registry** ***"A New Vision of Quality in Ship Registration Services"***	MN No. 16-027 Revision No. 00 Issue Date: June 24th, 2016

MARINE NOTICE 16-027 ACCEPTANCE OF MEDICAL EXAM CERTIFICATES

To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, REGISTRATION OFFICERS, CREWING AGENCIES AND DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Subject: REPUBLIC OF PALAU MERCHANT ACT 825 section A MARITIME REGULATIONS section 7.4 b VALID MEDICAL EXAM CERTIFICATE

1. Objective

1.1 The purpose of this Marine Notice is to provide owners, operators, crewing agencies and Recognized Organizations with the requirements for the acceptance of Medical Examination Forms when applying to Certificates of Endorsements or Seafarers Identification and Record Book.

2. Applicability

2.1 This Marine Notice is applicable to all Medical Examination submitted for the issuance of Certificates of Endorsement for officers, GMDSS, SSO and Ratings as well as for the issuance of Seafarer Identification and Record Book.

3. Reference

3.1 The Republic of Palau Merchant Act 825 Section A and The Republic of Palau Maritime Regulations 7.4 section b and the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW)

4. General Requirements:

4.1 The Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) as amended in 2010 requires that all Medical Exams shall be performed by an Approved Doctor, whom shall be approved by the Republic of Palau Flag Administration or by the Country for which the Doctors are practicing.

4.2 All Medical Examinations shall be received written in English or with an official translation to English, shall be legible and should be duly signed by the seafarer.

4.3 All Medical Examinations shall be duly signed and stamped by the Medical Doctor. The name of the Doctor shall be printed as well as the office or location where the Medical Exam takes place.

4.4 All Medical Examinations shall be dated with the date in which the examination takes place.

4.5 All Medical Examinations shall have the date in which the certificate expires and / or the validity of the Certificate.

4.6 Medical Examination shall be taken place within one year from the date of submission in order to be accepted by the Palau Flag Administration.

4.7 The Doctors issued medical examination must be approved by the Maritime Administration of country of practice in order to accept the medical exam. The Seafarer Registrar will verify that such doctors is on the list of approval doctors by the Maritime Administration.

4.8 The Medical Examination shall clearly state that the seafarer is fit for duty in order to be accepted including the hearing and sight of the Seafarer concerned.

5. Non Acceptance of Medical Examinations

5.1 Medical Examinations that do not meet the requirements listed in section 4 of this Marine Notice will not be accepted.

6. Issuance of Fraudulent Medical Examination Certificates

6.1 Submission of Fraudulent Medical Certificates will result in a 5000 US dollar fine levied against the Owner or Vessel Management Company or Crewing Agent.

7. For additional information please contact:

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