
To: Related departments of CCS Headquarters; Branches and Offices; and Ship Companies

Expired Officers Certificates

--Marshall Marine Safety Advisory No.147-11

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") issued the Marine Safety Advisory No.147-11 on October 2011 to Regional Marine Safety offices, Nautical Inspectors, Masters Owners/Agents regarding the issues of Expired Officers Certificates.

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Owners, operators and Masters are urged to review the seafarer documents held by the officers and crewmembers currently serving onboard their vessels and verify that they are valid and will remain valid for the expected voyage. Any instances where it is determined that an officer or crewmember is sailing on an expired seafarer document should be reported immediately to the Maritime Administrator at seafarers@register-iri.com and investigations@register-iri.com.

Operators of Marshall Islands flagged vessels are urged to review, and, as appropriate, revise, applicable procedures within their Safety Management System for ensuring that the expiration dates of seafarer documents are actively tracked and that checks are in place for preventing their vessels from not being in compliance with the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate requirements. Vessels found not in compliance with their Minimum Safe Manning Certificate may be detained by either the Maritime Administrator or port State control authorities. The Maritime Administrator may also require that an additional external ISM audit be conducted. "i

Attachments:

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For any question please contact the Certification Management Department of CCS Headquarters without hesitation.
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ⁱ Quoted from RMI Marine Safety Advisory No.147-11

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Subject: EXPIRED OFFICERS CERTIFICATES

Date: 25 October 2011

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