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TO: Related departments of Headquarters; Branches and Offices; Ship Companies

Notice of Implementation of MI MN No. 2-011-12, Rev. 2/11

----- Implementation of IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number Scheme

The Maritime Administration of Marshall Islands issued Marine Notice NO.2-011-12, Rev. 2/11 to shipowners, operators, Masters and the recognized organizations. This Notice supersedes Rev. 1/09 and reflects the changes on name and contact details when requesting IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Numbers.

The IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number can be obtained by contacting IHS Fairplay (IHSF), formerly Lloyd's register-Fairplay (LR-F), via using the application forms attached to this notice (Appendix I and II). The IHSF contact information is as follows:

IHS Fairplay

Lombard House

3 Princess Way, Redhill

Surrey, RH1 1 UP, UK

Telephone: +44 1737 379061

Fax: +44 1737 379040

Email: owners-data-feedback@lrfairplay.com

Web: www.ihsfairplay.com

IHSF has established a free website, <http://www.imonumbers.fairplay.com/>, which allows Administrations to look up Numbers as well as communicate correct Company details on existing records. These Numbers are available on the Equasis free public website (www.equasis.org).

Please note that these websites are also accessible to port control authorities for the purpose of verifying the ship documentation.

Summary:

Forwarding the marine notice NO.2-011-12, Rev.2/11, and introduced the application procedure and methods of IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number, as well as its applicability.

Action required:

All the CCS Branches and Offices are required to organize the study and training of this Marine Notice. Auditors should remind the compliance with this requirement during the ISM audit to the RMI-flagged Company and vessel.

Attachment: 1. Marine Notice NO.2-011-12, Rev. 2/11, 5 pages.

For any problem please contact the Certification Management Dept. of CCS Headquarters without hesitation



**REPUBLIC OF
THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

**OFFICE OF THE
MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR**

Marine Notice

No. 2-011-12

Rev. 2/11

**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF
MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: Implementation of IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification
Number Scheme.**

References: (a) IMO Resolution MSC.160(78), 21 May 2004
(b) IMO Circular Letter 2554, 24 June 2004
(c) SOLAS Chapter XI-1, Regulations 3-1 and 5
(d) SOLAS Chapter IX, Regulation 1, the ISM Code

PURPOSE:

The IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number Scheme was introduced in 2004 through adoption of resolution MSC.160(78), as a measure to enhance maritime safety, security and environmental protection, and to facilitate the prevention of maritime fraud. Its purpose is to assign a permanent number for identification purposes to each Company and/or Registered Owner managing ships engaged on international voyages. This Notice supersedes the Rev.1/09 and reflects changes in name and contact information when requesting IMO Company and Registered Owner Identification numbers.

APPLICABILITY:

SOLAS Chapter XI-1, Regulations 3-1 and 5 applies to all Companies and Registered Owners managing ships of 100 gross tonnage and above engaged on international voyages. The Scheme is in full force and effect as of 1 January 2009.

REQUIREMENTS:

1.0 Definitions

- .1 “Company” has the same meaning as in SOLAS regulation IX/1, the ISM Code.
- .2 “Registered Owner” is the owner specified on a ship’s Certificate of Registry issued by the Administration.

2.0 Procedures

- 2.1 The Number remains unchanged upon transfer of a Company and/or Registered Owner's ship to another flag and will be included on a Company's DOC, the ship's SMC, ISSC and CSR certificates wherever the Company and/or Registered Owner's name should appear. The Number remains unchanged, but unused, in the event a Company and/or Registered Owner sells, or otherwise disposes, of its ship(s) and does not begin operating new ship(s). The Number remains unchanged in the event the Company and/or Registered Owner, after having sold or otherwise disposed of its ships, renews ship management at a future time.
- 2.2 IHS Fairplay (IHSF), formerly Lloyd's Register-Fairplay (LR-F), maintains a full history audit trail of changes to Company and/or Registered Owner information, with the date of each change recorded. When Companies and/or Registered Owners merge, IHSF assigns the Number of the larger Company and/or Registered Owner to the new amalgamated entity, while the Number of the smaller entity is frozen and not re-used. IHSF maintains the history of Companies and/or Registered Owners of ships on its database.
- 2.3 The Number is an IHSF number, allocated at the time of issuance of a ship's Certificate of Registry issued by the Administration. The Number begins with the letters "IMO" followed by either "Company" or "Registered Owner", and seven digits assigned by IHSF. The IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number Scheme are managed in parallel with the IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme without charge by IHSF. The Number(s) are not, however, the same as the IMO Ship Identification Number.
- 2.4 New Companies and/or Registered Owners managing ships covered by the Scheme are assigned a Number when their ship is registered with the Administration.
- 2.5 Original information about a Company and/or Registered Owner will be collected by the Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") by means of the application documentation required at the time of registration. The information collected is that which the Administrator ordinarily collects during the registration process, namely:
- .1 Company/Registered Owner name-styles;
 - .2 country/State of incorporation (registration);
 - .3 date of incorporation; and
 - .4 full address (operational address) and contact details.
- 2.6 During registration, the Administrator will expect the Company and Registered Owner to provide the Number assigned to it. The Administrator may contact IHSF to confirm the Numbers provided by the Company and Registered Owner. The Administrator will also be routinely updating its database with that of IHSF.

3.0 Obtaining Numbers

- 3.1 The Number for the Company and Registered Owner can be obtained by contacting IHSF at the following address using the appropriate form provided in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2:

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- 3.2 IHSF will accept both paper and electronic request forms (appendices 1 and 2) from Companies or Registered Owners who have not previously been assigned a Number. Companies or Registered Owners also may use the form to update their information. IHSF will confirm updated Company information with the Administrator.
- 3.3 IHSF will also accept both paper and electronic request forms (Appendix 1) from Recognized Organizations (ROs) that undertake Safety Management Certificate (SMC) and Document of Compliance (DOC) audits, and from Recognized Security Organizations (RSOs) that undertake International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) audits, for Companies who have not previously been assigned a Number.

4.0 Website Access

- 4.1 IHSF has established a free website, <http://www.imonumbers.lrfairplay.com/>, which allows Administrations to look up Numbers as well as communicate correct Company details on existing records. By participating in the IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number Scheme, however, the Administrator assumes no duty to examine, correct, change, alter, or modify information contained on the IHSF free website, or to notify IHSF of incorrect information contained on the website.
- 4.2 This website is also available to Companies and Registered Owners, who may use it to complete the numbering requirements on the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) (resolution A.959(23)). Alternatively, these Numbers are available on the Equasis free public website (www.equasis.org).
- 4.3 These websites are also accessible to and used by port States control authorities to verify ship documentation. The Administrator will not accept or be held responsible for mistakes or errors in the information on these websites. It will therefore be very important that Companies and Registered Owners provide both IHSF and the Administrator with accurate matching information.

