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FOR: Shipowners, Classification Societies, Ship Masters and the Shipping Community

SUBJECT: GMDSS Radio Logbooks

REFERENCE: Regulation 17 of Chapter IV of SOLAS 74 (as amended 1988)

Purpose:

This Notice establishes the requirement that a record be kept “of all incidents connected with the radio communication service which appear to be of importance to safety of life at sea.”

Applicability:

This Notice applies to all Tuvalu flag vessels equipped with GMDSS ship radio stations.

Requirements:

1.0 Regulations

The Tuvalu Administration requires this record, to be known as the GMDSS Radio Logbook, to be kept on the navigation bridge, convenient to the radio installation and made available for inspection by Radio Surveyors and other authorized personnel.

2.0 Composition

The logbook is to be comprised of three sections:

2.1 Section (A) - Particulars of Ship:

1. ship's name;
2. call sign and official number;
3. port of registry;
4. gross tonnage;
5. IMO number;
6. sea areas in which ship is authorized to sail;
7. date of expiration of current Safety Radio Certificate;
8. date of expiration of current Ship Radio Station License;
9. method(s) used to ensure availability of radio facilities:



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- a) duplication of equipment;
- b) shore-based maintenance giving details of name and address of service company;
- c) at-sea maintenance capability; and

10. name and address of owner, manager or agent.

2.2 Section (B) - Details of radio personnel:

- a) name(s);
- b) dates on board;
- c) certificate number(s);
- d) class of certificate(s);
- e) name of person designated for radio communications during emergencies; and
- f) name of person nominated to carry out appropriate tests, checks and log entries.

2.3 Section (C) - Record of communications.

1. The GMDSS radio logbook will record the following as they occur, together with the time of occurrence:
 - a) a summary of communications relating to distress, urgency and safety traffic;
 - b) a record of important incidents connected with the radio service; and
 - c) where appropriate, the position of the ship at least once a day.
2. The Master will inspect and sign each day's entries in the GMDSS Radio Logbook.
3. An example of a GMDSS record of communications is included as Appendix A.

3.0 Records Retention

- 3.1 Retention of GMDSS Radio Logbooks will be in accordance with Marine Circular No 7
- 3.2 If logbooks containing printed spaces for the information in Sections (A) and (B) are not available, the required information may be typed on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the inside front cover of a conventional logbook as an addendum.

