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FLEET/ SAFETY LETTER 022019.GEN

February 2019 replaces Safety letter of December 2013 (120413.GEN)

Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators and masters of Vanuatu-registered ships.

Re: Personnel required to have ID books on board

I. This Fleet letter applies to all vessels under the Vanuatu Flag.

II. This circular highlights the requirements for which personnel are required to have Vanuatu ID books, Medicals and Employment Agreements (SEA) on board Vanuatu Flagged Vessels

III. Under the MLC 2006 Resolution VII and Maritime Bulletin No. 112 all persons serving on board Vanuatu Flagged vessels must have Vanuatu ID books as follows:

a. Non-seafarers serving for a period of less than 90 days are not required.

b. All seafarers coming under the MLC must have medicals and employment agreements.

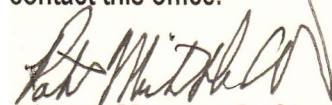
c. Non-seafarers are not required by VMSL to have medicals provided by the vessel owner or employment agreements to submit a Vanuatu ID. Book application; although a non-seafarer's employer may require these for employment. These non-seafarers' ID books will be stamped with a Non-MLC and Non-STCW stamp. A list of the non-seafarer job descriptions can be found in Vanuatu's Part 1 as well as Maritime Bulletin 112. Any potential non-seafarer job description not listed should be brought to VMSL-NY's attention for a determination pursuant to Resolution VII of the MLC.

IV. Officers, OIM's and Supervisory personnel on board any Vanuatu Flagged vessel must hold a Vanuatu ID Book and Endorsement/ License. Non-seafarer positions on MODUs and non-self-propelled craft will have the stamp placed in their ID books as noted in paragraph 111.c above.

V. Although recommended, Security Teams are exempted from having to possess a Vanuatu ID Book, regardless of the amount of time spent on board.

VI. For Security-Related Training to comply with the Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, VMSL directs the reader's attention to the FLEET/SAFETY LETTER 110413.GEN issued in November of 2013.

VII. This letter does not supersede any requirements that may be set out by coastal states that a vessel may be operating. Coastal State regulations will take priority, and if a question arises please feel free to contact this office.


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