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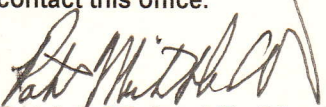
FLEET / SAFETY LETTER 120413.GEN

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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 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 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 an I.D. 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 III.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 readers 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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