



Technical Circular

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Subject: RMI Clarification to Certification Requirements for Seafarers Operating On RMI Ships in Polar Waters

- Reference is made to IRS technical circular no. 029/2018 dated 19th April 2018.
- Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) has issued a marine safety advisory MSA no. 15-19 (copy attached) providing clarification to certification requirements implemented by Administration on Deck Officers who are assigned to RMI flagged ships to which Polar code is applicable.
- In order to meet the mandatory minimum requirements for training and qualification on ships operating in Polar waters; masters, chief mates and officer in charge of a navigational watch (OICNW) are required to be qualified in accordance with Chapter V of the STCW convention as follows:

Ice Conditions	Tankers	Passenger Vessels	All other vessels
Ice Free	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Open Waters	Basic Training for master, chief mate and OICNW's	Basic Training for master, chief mate and OICNW's	Not Applicable
Other Waters	Advanced Training for master and chief mate. Basic Training for master, chief mate and OICNW's	Advanced Training for master and chief mate. Basic Training for master, chief mate and OICNW's	Advanced Training for master and chief mate. Basic Training for master, chief mate and OICNW's

- Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to take note of above and attached circular and encouraged to include fleet wide operation training on same.

Enclosure:

- RMI Marine Safety Advisory no. 15-19

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