



# Maritime Legal Development

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# Maritime Order 2022

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Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (**Fees, Charges, and Levies**) (**Amendment**) Maritime Order 2022

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Solomon Island Maritime Authority (**Carriage and registration of passengers**) Maritime Order (draft)

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Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (**STCW Convention**) (**Amendment**) Maritime Order (draft)

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Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (**Convention Vessel Safety**) Maritime Order (draft) (incl. exemptions, equivalence, and interpretations of international conventions)

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Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (**Safety Management Systems**) Maritime Order (draft)

# Purpose of the maritime orders

Introduce Pollution Levy  
Introduce Regulatory Levy  
instead of registration  
and survey fees

Set minimum standard for  
the carriage and  
registration of passengers  
on board ships

To reflect the STCW  
Manila 2010 amendments  
in Solomon Islands STCW  
regulations

Set the safety standards  
of Solomon Islands-  
flagged convention-sized  
vessels

Require the  
implementation of Safety  
Management Systems  
(SMS) on board vessels

# Reasons & Implications of Maritime Orders



## Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (Fees, Charges, and Levies) (Amendment) Maritime Order 2023

### *Reason*

- Financially resource the implementation of the National Marine Spill Contingency Plan (NATPLAN) with a dedicated fund
- Group survey and registration services of SIMA in one regulatory levy

### *Implication*

- Increased of annual levies paid by domestic & foreign vessels
- New levy for persons and companies importing fuel oil in Solomon Islands
- Dedicated funding available from end of 2023
- Domestic vessels to pay 3 levies annually for Regulatory, Navigation & Pollution
- Foreign vessels to pay 2 levies when calling in Solomon Islands for Navigation & Pollution

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## Solomon Island Maritime Authority (Carriage and Registration of Passengers) Maritime Order (draft)

### *Reason*

- Prevent excess of passengers on board domestic vessels
- At any time, know who are the persons on board vessels at sea within Solomon Islands waters (for SAR purposes)

### *Implication*

- All shipping companies and vessels carrying passenger to have a procedure to filter and count passengers at any port or location of embarking/disembarking
- All vessels to have systems to communicate information ashore to shipping company and MRCC

# Reasons & Implications of Maritime Orders



## Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (STCW Convention) (Amendment) Maritime Order (draft)

### *Reason*

- Solomon Islands is a party to the STCW Convention and accepted amendments
- Seafarers certified in Solomon Islands to be recognized internationally.

### *Implication*

- Repeal the current Shipping (STCW Convention) Regulations 2010
- Revalidate seafarer certificates within timeframe through refresher training courses
- Maritime Academy to maintain standards compliant to Manilla Amendments

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## Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (Safety Management Systems) Maritime Order (draft)

### *Reason*

- Complement technical standards of vessels by management standards focusing on safety, pollution prevention and (in the future) energy management
- Follow best practices at the international level introduced by the ISM Code in 1998
- Progress towards technical standards for international voyages (incl. regional cabotage)

### *Implication*

- Develop safety management system adapted to non convention vessels (<500)
- Develop safety management system compliant to the ISM Code for convention vessels (>500)

# Reasons & Implications of Maritime Orders

## Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (Convention Vessel Safety) Maritime Order (draft)

### *Reason*

- Give full effect to safety- and pollution prevention-related conventions which have force of law in Solomon Islands over vessels of more than 400 or 500
- Introduce exemptions and equivalences as per conventions and interpretation to comply to provisions “to the satisfaction of the Administration” in conventions

### *Implication*

- Implementation of international standards to convention vessels (+400, +500 & +24m) on international voyages
- Implementation of international standards to non-convention vessel that is 500 or more in weight or 24m or more in length and is normally engaged in domestic voyages but would need to engage in an international voyage to trade or carry out repairs and maintenance, where the Director thinks it is necessary to do so





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