



Maritime Legal Development

15 March 2024

Maritime Order 2022

Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (**Fees, Charges, and Levies**) (**Amendment**) Maritime Order 2024

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

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

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

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

Purpose of the maritime orders

Introduce Maritime Development Levy
Increase fees of certain foreign vessels

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 2024

Reason

- Financially resource maritime development with priority on maritime training with a dedicated fund
- Improve capacity of SIMA to support maritime development beyond the regulatory function

Implication

- Increased of annual levies paid by domestic & foreign vessels
- New levy for all vessels
- Dedicated funding available from mid-2024
- Domestic vessels to pay an additional Maritime Development Levy
- Foreign vessels to pay an additional Maritime Development Levy
- Foreign vessels engaged in logging, mining and fishing and any vessels staying more than one week or calling in more than 1 port to pay the same regulated fees in each port or per week

Reasons & Implications of Maritime Orders



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

Reasons & Implications of Maritime Orders



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



TAGIO TUMAS

E contact@sima.gov.sb

P (677) 21 535

PO Box 1932, Honiara
Solomon Islands

www.sima.gov.sb