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**San Marino Administrative Regulation on the
Implementation of Regulatory Instruments**

TO: Recognised Organisations, Shipowners, Managers, Masters, Seafarers, SMSR partners, SMSR brokers, Surveyors, and the general public.

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1. General

Under the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and IMO International Conventions, Administrations are responsible for promulgating laws and regulations and for taking all other steps which may be necessary to give these instruments full and complete effect so as to ensure that, from the point of view of safety of life at sea and protection of the marine environment, a ship is fit for the service for which it is intended.

1.1 Definitions

The Administration – The San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority

The Director General – Director General of the San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority

The Registry - San Marino Ship Register

1.2 Acronyms

ILO – International Labour Organisation

IMO – International Maritime Organisation

SM MNA – San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority

SMSR – San Marino Ship Register

SMMAR – San Marino Maritime Authority Regulations

SMPL – San Marino Policy Letter

SMBU – San Marino Ship Register Bulletins

SMCIR – San Marino Maritime Circulars

SMDIR – San Marino Maritime Directives

2. Responsibility of the Administration

According to Art. 3 of San Marino Law n.120 of 2 August 2019, Maritime Navigation Reform, the San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority SM MNA (the Administration) performs the following functions:

- a) issuing of regulations, directives, and circular letters;
- b) drawing up of draft legislation on the subject.

The legislation of the Republic of San Marino applicable to the Flag Administration and Shipping Registry consist of:

- a) Primary Maritime Legislation, i.e. Law and Decrees, which establishes the issuance of Maritime Regulations, Directives, and Circulars;
- b) Maritime Regulations;
- c) Other Regulatory Guidelines such as Policy Letters and Guidance Material;
- d) Maritime Directives;
- e) Maritime Circulars.

2.1 San Marino Law and Decrees

San Marino Law n.120 of 2 August 2019, Maritime Navigation Reform, and related San Marino Conciliar Decrees on the regulation of the maritime sector, establish the Administration's administrative and technical management functions in the field of maritime navigation on ships flying the San Marino flag.

2.2 Maritime Regulations and Policy Letters (SMMAR and SMPL)

The Administration issues Maritime Regulations to implement the standards set out by the International Conventions ratified by the Republic of San Marino in matters of maritime safety and security, and seaworthiness of ships flying the San Marino Flag. San Marino Maritime Regulations are divided in Administrative Regulations and Technical Regulations.

San Marino Policy Letters (SMPL) are regulatory guidelines issued by the Administration to provide guidance and information on the implementation of and compliance with Laws, Decrees, and Regulations of the Administration. Guidance Material may also be published in the form of a Policy Letter.

2.3 Maritime Directives (SMDIR)

San Marino Maritime Directives are issued by the SM MNA Director General to notify vessels flying the San Marino Flag, Shipowners, Companies, and other interested parties of maritime policies on matters related to safety, security, environmental issues, and compliance. These may also be issued for notifications on urgent safety and security matters. Directives may have limited duration and/or areas of application.

2.4 Maritime Circulars (SMCIR)

San Marino Circulars are internal communications issued for explanatory, organisational, or informative purposes.

2.5 San Marino Ship Register Bulletins (SMBU)

San Marino Ship Register SMSR (the Registry) issues instructions and information relating to the regulatory instruments in the form of San Marino Bulletins. These include registration, amendment, and deletion application forms, as well as any other matter relating to the application of the instruments.

2.6 Publication

San Marino Primary Legislation, Regulations, Policy Letters, and Directives will be published on the Registry's website and sent to all interested parties via e-mail.

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San Marino Ship Register Bulletins will be published on the Registry's website.

2.7 Amendment and review

Primary Legislation is amended via a Delegated Decree process to the San Marino Congress of State and subsequently promulgated by the Captains Regent.

The Director General is responsible for consultation with the Secretary of State for Transport and its legal office for Primary Legislation changes or draft Delegated Decrees.

Review and amendment of San Marino Regulations and Policy Letters are carried out whenever necessary to ensure uniformity with the International Conventions of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and International Labour Organisation (ILO) ratified by the Republic of San Marino.

Amendments to the regulatory instruments and SMBU may be proposed by SMSR to SM MNA via a dedicated amendment procedure and form.

2.8 Revocation

Maritime Regulations, Policy Letter, Directives, and Circulars may be revoked by the Director General. Revoked Regulations will be marked as such on the SMSR website and in the text of the documents.