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To: Legal Representatives, Masters, Owners/Operators of Vanuatu Flagged Vessels and Recognized Organizations.

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Subject: Procedure for Vanuatu Flagged Fishing Vessels required to comply with the TORREMOLINOS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF FISHING VESSEL 1977

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Although Vanuatu is not a signatory to the above subject Convention, Vanuatu did sign the TORREMOLINOS DECLARATION ON 21 OCTOBER 2019. As such any Vanuatu Flagged Fishing Vessel operating in an area or calling on a Coastal State that enforces the said Convention shall comply with the following Substantial Equivalencies:

1. An Satisfactory Annual Safety Inspection (ASI) pursuant to the current Fishing Vessel Inspection form (FV2015 that is subject to be amended as required) conducted by an specially approved Vanuatu Inspector to be attached to a Certificate of Seaworthiness as a record of the findings;
2. The inspection form is to be submitted to VMSSL-NY for review and followed up by a letter outlining any deficiencies noted and the corrective action to be taken. Verification of corrected action is to be submitted to VMSSL-NY Safety Department as soon as possible;
3. Each Fishing Vessel is to have Flag approved Stability and Trim booklet specific to that vessel on board. Sister vessels that have not been converted may have on board a Flag approved Fleet Stability and Trim Booklet covering several vessels;
4. Each Fishing vessel shall have on board a Flag issued radio License listing all electronic equipment on board and a Fishing Vessel Safety Radio Certificate;
5. Each Fishing vessel shall have on board a Fishing Vessel Part 1 equivalent to a DMLC Part 1 and a corresponding Part 2. As for construction issues, a survey shall be conducted on existing vessel to ascertain compliance and exemptions issued as required within the Part 1. The Seaworthy certificated noted in paragraph 1 will also act a certificate of compliance in this regard;
6. This edition of this Maritime Bulletin is shall apply until changes are mandated by amendments to the TORREMOLINOS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF FISHING VESSEL 1977.

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