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Subject: SEAFARER'S IDENTIFICATION AND RECORD BOOK

Dear Owners/Operators/DPAs/Masters/Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations and others:

Purpose: This Advisory is to inform all about a new version of the Liberian Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB). RLM-272 (Rev. 08/21) will debut in late August/ early September of 2021.

The new version will have some changes as outlined below:

1. The new book replaces RLM-272 (Rev. 08/17) which were manufactured with the unique identifying number perforated through the top of the first half of the book (eight pages).
2. The new book will not have the unique number in perforated format on any of the pages within the book.
3. The new book will have a unique identification number printed on a secure hologram label that is adhered at the top of the inside front cover of each book. The same number will appear on the seafarer's identity and bio pages and on each Special Qualification Certificate (SQC) that is contained inside the individual book.
4. The hologram label will have a blue ink print over a silver hologram and the serial number will be printed in black ink. There will be a green fluorescent ink revealed when the hologram label is viewed under a blacklight.
5. The hologram label will also have tamper slits built in to the label.
6. The beginning number of the first book that will feature this label will be 1630001 and each new numbered book will increase by one.
7. The new book cover material is a deeper blue color with a smoother embossing, the gold foil stamping on the cover remains the same.
8. The old style books that have been issued to seafarers with perforated numbers will remain valid as long as the book remains within validity dates for the individual seafarer – when renewed, it will be issued in the new format described above.



Old Cover Color

New Cover Color

1630001

THIS BOOK IS A SEAFARER'S IDENTITY DOCUMENT ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING THE HOLDER WITH IDENTITY PAPERS FOR TRAVEL TO OR FROM AN ASSIGNED VESSEL OR PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS BY THE MASTER OF SUCH A VESSEL, AND PROVIDING A RECORD OF THE HOLDER'S SEA SERVICE.

THIS BOOK IS ISSUED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ILO CONVENTION NO. 108, THE SEAFARERS' IDENTITY DOCUMENTS CONVENTION, 1958.

THIS BOOK IS NOT A PASSPORT. IT IS ISSUED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO AND IN NO WAY AFFECTS THE NATIONAL STATUS OF THE HOLDER.

THE SPECIAL QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES ENTERED WITHIN THIS BOOK ARE ISSUED IN CONFORMITY TO VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, INCLUDING STCW '78, AS AMENDED. THE ABLE SEAFARER DECK, ORDINARY SEAMAN, BOSUN, AND GP-1 ARE QUALIFIED AS RATINGS FORMING PART OF A NAVIGATIONAL WATCH; AND FIREMAN/WATERTENDER, ABLE SEAFARER ENGINE, OILER/MOTORMAN, ELECTRICIAN, AND GP-1 ARE QUALIFIED AS RATINGS FORMING PART OF AN ENGINE ROOM WATCH.

THIS SEAFARER'S IDENTITY BOOK IS VALID FOR FIVE YEARS. IF THIS BOOK BECOMES FILLED WITH ENTRIES, REQUIRES ALTERATION, OR BECOMES DAMAGED, APPLICATION FOR A REPLACEMENT BOOK SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY. IF THIS BOOK IS STOLEN, LOST, OR ACCIDENTALLY DESTROYED, NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN IMMEDIATELY TO THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF MARITIME AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND AN APPLICATION FOR A REPLACEMENT MADE. AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS BOOK. ONCE THE BOOK HAS EXPIRED, THE SEAFARER WILL RETAIN POSSESSION OF IT FOR PROOF OF SEA SERVICE. THE SEA SERVICE PAGES REMAIN VALID EVEN THOUGH THE BOOK HAS EXPIRED.

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KLM-272 (Rev. 08/17)

RLM-272 (Rev. 08/21)

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If you have any questions or comments concerning the new Seafarer's Identification and Record Book please contact us via Telephone: +1-703-790-3434 or by email to seafarers@lisr.com.

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