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Circular No. FSI/05/2026

To: Ship Owners/ Operators, Masters, Recognized Organizations (RO), Agents, Protection and Indemnity Clubs, Marine Insurers, Port State Control, PSC MOU's And Other Interested Parties of Tanzania Zanzibar Registered Vessels

Subject: Approved Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Clubs and Insurance Companies authorized to provide financial security for vessels registered under the Tanzania Zanzibar International Register of Shipping (TZIRS).

Purpose: To formally communicate the list of approved P&I Clubs and Insurance Companies, establish a dynamic Annex-based recognition mechanism, and consolidate the notification framework for any lapse, cancellation, or suspension of required financial security instruments.

Scope and Applicability: This Circular applies to all Tanzania Zanzibar Flag vessels engaged in international voyages.

Date: 13 May 2026

1. Legal basis and oversight

Pursuant to the mandate conferred by the Maritime Transport Act No. 5 of 2006 and the Zanzibar Maritime Authority Act No. 3 of 2009, the Zanzibar Maritime Authority (ZMA) and the Tanzania Zanzibar International Register of Shipping (TZIRS) are entrusted to oversee matters of maritime safety and security and the proper enforcing and harmonization of standards related to International Conventions to which the United Republic of Tanzania is a party.

This Circular has been developed in alignment with the IMO III Code (Assembly Resolution A.1187(33)), which places on Flag State Administrations the responsibility to verify that insurers issuing statutory financial security certificates meet adequate solvency, transparency, and coverage standards as further elaborated in IMO Circular Letter No. 3464 (as revised, LEG 111, April 2024).

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2. Relationship with Other ZMA Circulars

This Circular shall be read in conjunction with, and does not supersede or duplicate, the following:

Circular No. FSI/001/2026 — Establishes the mandatory insurance and financial security requirements for TZIRS vessels, including the conventions covered, gross tonnage thresholds, submission requirements, continuous validity obligations, and consequences of non-compliance.

Circular No. FSI/002/2026 — Establishes the eligibility criteria, minimum standards, application process, and renewal procedures for P&I Clubs and Insurance Companies seeking approval by TZIRS.

For avoidance of doubt: this Circular does not re-establish approval criteria nor insurance requirements. Its sole purpose is to identify approved entities and to govern the notification obligations arising from any change in the status of financial security instruments.

3. Scope of Approved Coverage

The approved entities listed in Annex I are authorized to issue Blue Cards, financial security certificates, and insurance documentation in compliance with the following IMO and ILO conventions, as applicable:

- Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 2002 (Athens Convention / EU PLR)
- International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 (Bunkers Convention)
- International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992 (CLC 1992)
- Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC 2006) — Regulations 2.5 and 4.2
- Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 (Nairobi WRC)

4. Approved Insurers / P&I Clubs — Annex-Based Recognition

The Zanzibar Maritime Authority hereby confirms that **only** those P&I Clubs and Insurance Companies listed in **Annex I** to this Circular are approved to provide financial security for Tanzania Zanzibar registered vessels.

Annex I forms an integral and binding part of this Circular and:

- Constitutes the official and exclusive list of approved insurers and P&I Clubs;
- Is subject to periodic review and updating by the Administration without the need to reissue this Circular;

- Shall reflect additions, removals, or changes in status with immediate effect upon publication of an updated version by ZMA/TZIRS;
- Is to be consulted in its most current version, accessible via www.zma.go.tz and the TZIRS portal.

4.1 Additional Requirement for Non-IG Approved Insurers

Non-IG Insurance Companies listed under Section C of Annex I, as a mandatory and non-waivable condition of their initial approval and continued listing, must execute and maintain in force the **TZIRS Undertaking and Letter of Commitment for Non-IG Insurers** (hereinafter "the Undertaking"), in the form established and periodically revised by ZMA/TZIRS.

The Undertaking binds the Insurer in respect of the validity of issued certificates, non-avoidance obligations, claims responsiveness, financial capacity, sanctions compliance, and continuous supervisory disclosure, consistent with the standards required by IMO Circular Letter No. 3464 (as revised, 2024) and the applicable IMO/ILO conventions listed in Section 3 of this Circular.

A duly executed original of the Undertaking must be submitted to TZIRS prior to inclusion in Annex I and renewed upon any material change in the Insurer's legal status, regulatory standing, or reinsurance arrangements. Failure to maintain a valid and executed Undertaking shall constitute grounds for immediate removal from Annex I pursuant to Section 5 of this Circular.

5. Non-Approved Insurers

Any P&I Club or Insurance Company not listed in Annex I is not accepted. Blue Cards, insurance certificates, or financial security instruments issued by non-approved entities will be rejected and the vessel treated as non-compliant.

Applications for inclusion in Annex I shall be submitted to registration@zma.go.tz and infro@tzirs.tz and assessed strictly in accordance with the eligibility criteria established under Circular No. FSI/002/2026.

6. Mandatory Notification of Changes — Immediate Reporting Obligation

CRITICAL OBLIGATION — IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED: Any cancellation, suspension, non-renewal, lapse, or material amendment affecting any required financial security instrument must be reported **immediately** and without delay to the Administration at registration@zma.go.tz and info@tzirs.tz. Failure to do so constitutes a serious non-compliance under Circular No. FSI/001/2026 and may result in immediate registry restrictions.

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The notification obligation is binding upon all of the following parties:

a) Shipowner / Ship Manager Notification Obligation

Shipowners and/or Ship Managers shall immediately inform the Administration of any change of insurer or P&I Club, amendment, non-renewal, suspension, or cancellation affecting any of the required insurance or financial security instruments listed in Circular No. FSI/001/2026, Section 6.

b) Insurer / P&I Club Notification Obligation

P&I Clubs and Insurance Companies providing cover for Tanzania Zanzibar registered vessels shall notify the Administration immediately if any required policy or financial security instrument issued in respect of a TZIRS Flag vessel is cancelled, suspended, or allowed to lapse. This obligation is consistent with the requirements of IMO Circular Letter No. 3464 (as revised, 2024).

c) Recognized Organization (RO) Notification Obligation

All Recognized Organizations authorized to act on behalf of ZMA or TZIRS shall verify the validity of all financial security certificates during mandatory surveys and shall notify the Administration immediately upon discovering any certificate that is cancelled, suspended, expired, or otherwise invalid.

7. Consequences of Non-Compliance

Vessels that fail to maintain valid, continuous financial security from an approved insurer listed in Annex I, or where the Administration has not been notified of any change as required under Section 6, may be subject to:

- Immediate restrictions on sailing;
- Suspension or revocation of affected statutory certificates;
- Suspension or revocation of vessel registration; and/or
- such other enforcement measures as the Administration deems appropriate.

These measures shall apply in addition to any consequences arising under Circular No. FSI/001/2026.

8. Transitional Provision

Financial security instruments issued prior to the entry into force of this Circular and in conformity with the requirements of Circular No. FSI/001/2026 shall remain valid until their respective expiry dates. Renewal must be effected with an approved insurer listed in Annex I.

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9. Entry into Force and Supersession

This Circular enters into force on **13 May 2026** and supersedes Circular No. FSI/06/2023 in its entirety.

For additional enquiries* on *this circular, please contact to:

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ANNEX I

Approved Protection & Indemnity Clubs and Insurance Companies

Tanzania Zanzibar International Register of Shipping (TZIRS)

Version 3 — Effective: 24 November 2026 – Controlled document — latest version at www.zma.go.tz

#	P&I Club / Insurance Company	Telephone	Email
A.	**Members of the International Group of P&I Clubs (IG Group)**		
1	American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association, Inc. (The American Club)	+1 212 847 4500	info@american-club.com
2	Assuranceforeningen Gard – Gjensidig (Gard P&I)	+47 22 12 90 00	mail@gard.no
3	Assuranceforeningen Skuld – Gjensidig (Skuld)	+47 22 00 22 00	skuld@skuld.com
4	The Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association Limited (Britannia P&I)	+44 20 3023 3000	directors@britanniapandi.com
5	The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association (Japan P&I Club)	+81 3 3662 7200	piclub@piclub.or.jp
6	The London Steam-Ship Owners' Mutual Insurance Association Limited (The London P&I Club)	+44 20 7772 8000	queries@londonpandi.com
7	NorthStandard Limited (NorthStandard)	+44 191 232 5221	loss.prevention@north-standard.com
8	The Shipowners' Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association	+44 20 7488 0911	managers@shipownersclub.com

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#	P&I Club / Insurance Company	Telephone	Email
	(Luxembourg) (The Shipowners' Club)		
9	The Standard Club Ltd (Standard Club)	+44 20 3320 8888	info@standard-club.com
10	The Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association (Bermuda) Limited (Steamship Mutual)	+44 20 7247 5490	steamship@steamshipmutual.com
11	Sveriges Angfartygs Assurans Forening (The Swedish Club)	+46 31 638 400	swedish.club@swedishclub.com
12	The United Kingdom Mutual Steam Ship Assurance Association Limited (UK P&I Club)	+44 20 7247 5490	ukpandi@ukpandi.com
13	The West of England Ship Owners Mutual Insurance Association (Luxembourg) (West of England P&I)	+44 20 7716 6000	westofengland@westpandi.com
B.	**Members of the Association of Commercial P&I Insurers (ACPII)**		
14	MS Amlin Marine NV (MS Amlin)	+44 20 7746 1000	marine@msamlin.com
15	Hydor AS (Hydor P&I)	+47 24 10 13 00	hydor@hydor.no
C.	**Non-IG Approved Insurers**		
16	Aurora P&I (managed by The MECO Group / Markel Group)	+44 20 7702 3928	enquiry@themecogroup.co.uk
17	British Marine (a trading name of QBE Insurance (Europe) Limited)	+44 20 7105 5555	managers@britishmarine.com
18	Africa Asia Shipowner Mutual Assurance Association	+85 29 6394 489	info@africa-asiapandi.com

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#	P&I Club / Insurance Company	Telephone	Email
19	Queen's Island Insurance Company, Ltd.	+1 713 634 8358	mark.bernas@qi-ins.com
20	Astral Insurance PCC Limited (The Astral Insurance P&I Club)	+248-4344013	contact@astral-association.com
21	Sun Re Ltd	+1 786 57 38 907	secretary@sun.re
22	Al-Bahriah Insurance & Reinsurance S.A.L.	+961 1 336633	bahriah@bahriah.com

Note 1: This Annex may be amended by the Administration without reissuing Circular No. FSI/005/2026. Insurers or P&I Clubs not appearing in this Annex are not approved. Applications for addition shall be submitted pursuant to Circular No. FSI/002/2026.

Note 2: Abbreviations:

- CLC = Civil Liability Convention 1992
- Bunkers = Bunkers Convention 2001
- WRC = Nairobi Wreck Removal Convention 2007
- MLC = Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (as amended)
- Athens = Athens Convention 2002 / EU PLR

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