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**Public Notice**

**Re: Waiver of Foreign Water Vessel Tax**


Be advised, pursuant to the authority established under 40 PNCA § 1405(f) to promulgate regulations in my capacity as the Director of the Bureau of Marine Transportation under the Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Industries, it has been determined under the promulgated Water Vessel Tax Regulations of 2019, Section 2 (a)(2), that the period from September 2019 until January 2020 was a season of severe weather that pose risk to the safety of vessel, in particular vessels propelled primarily by sail. This designation is classified under Water Vessel Tax Regulations of 2019, Section 2 (a)(2).

From the period of September 2019 to January 2020, the foreign water vessel tax obligations established by 40 PNCA § 1405 and Annex 1 of the Water Vessel Tax Regulations are waived for vessels under 90 feet and propelled primarily by sail. The waiver announced by this Public Notice is applicable to all sailing vessels under 90 feet which are obligated to pay the Water Vessel Tax and which entered Palau ports prior to the effective date of the implementing Regulations and remained in Palau during the whole duration of the waiver period. The waiver is based on the inability for sailing vessels to depart Palau and reach its next port safely given the continuity of severe weather affecting the northern Pacific area in 2019 as follows or any prohibition imposed by Small Craft Warning that were in effect at the time:

TS Peipah	Sept 12 to Sept 16	Typhoon Halong	Nov 1 to Nov 8
TS Nimfa	Sept 17 to Sept 22	Typhoon Nakri	Nov 4 to Nov 11
Typhoon Mitag	Sept 24 to Oct 3	Typhoon Fengshen	Nov 9 to Nov 17
Typhoon Hagibis	Oct 4 to Oct 13	Typhoon Kalmaegi	Nov 9 to Nov 22
Typhoon Neoguri	Oct 15 to Oct 21	TS Fung-Wong	Nov 24 to Dec 6
Typhoon Bualoi	Oct 18 to Oct 25	Typhoon Phanfone	Dec 19 to Dec 29
TS Matmo	Oct 28 to Oct 31		

This waiver does not apply to sailing vessels which were determined by the Master to be able to proceed to sea safely.

This Public Notice shall be effective on June 16, 2022, by signature of the Director.

  
Hayes Moses  
Director