



NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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MARKING OF NIUE SHIPS (Circular NMC2.2012 (rev1))

PURPOSE: To provide guidance on Niue Ship Registry marking of ship requirements.

APPLICATION: All Niue registered ships

RELATED DOCUMENTS: Merchant Shipping (Registration of Foreign Ships) Act 2012, Niue

INTRODUCTION:

Every Niue flagged ship must be marked permanently and conspicuously. This Circular is to provide guidance on the markings of Niue ships as per the requirements of the Niue Merchant Shipping Act.

SHIP NAME AND PORT OF REGISTRY

Every Niue registered ship shall have her name marked upon each bow and upon the stern. The homeport (**ALOFI**) shall also be carved upon the stern. These names shall be painted or gilded, or consist of cut or carved or cast Roman letters in light colour on dark background, or in a dark colour on a light background, secured in place and distinctly visible. The smallest letter used shall not be less than one hundred millimetres (100mm) in height.

SHIP OFFICIAL NUMBER

The Official Number of every registered ship shall be cut in on her main beam or indelibly marked on a metal plate permanently affixed to the bridge or wheelhouse, and shall not be less than one hundred millimetres (100mm) in height and of proportionate width.

SHIP IMO NUMBER

The permanent marking of the Ship IMO Number shall be plainly visible; clear of any other markings on the hull and not less than two hundred millimetres (200 mm) in height and of proportionate width. It shall be painted in light colour on dark background, or in a dark colour on a light background.

The Ship IMO Number shall be marked in a visible place according to the following requirements:

- a) either on the stern of the ship or on either side of the hull, amidships port and starboard, above the deepest assigned load line; or
- b) on either side of the superstructure, port and starboard or on the front of the superstructure or in the case of passenger ships, on a horizontal surface visible from the air.

Additionally, the Ship IMO Number shall be marked in an easily accessible place, not less than one hundred millimetres (100mm) in height and of proportionate width, according to the following requirements:

- a) either on one of the end transverse bulkheads of the machinery spaces, as defined in SOLAS Chapter II-2, Regulation 3.30; or

- b) on one of the hatchways; or
- c) in the case of tankers, in the pump-room; or
- d) in the case of ships with Ro-Ro spaces, as defined in SOLAS Chapter II-2, Regulation 3.41, on one of the end transverse bulkheads of the Ro-Ro spaces.

DRAUGHT MARKINGS

A scale of decimetres, or of metres and decimetres, denoting the ship's draught of water, shall be marked on each side of her stem, stern post and amidships port and starboard, according to the following requirements:

- a) in figures at two hundred millimetres (200 mm) intervals, if the scale is in decimetres;
- b) in figures at each metre interval and at intervening two hundred millimetres (200 mm) intervals, if the scale is in metres and decimetres;
- c) the capital letter "M" being placed after each metre figure;
- d) the top figure of the scale showing both the metre and (except where it marks a full metre interval) the decimetre figures; and
- e) the lower line of figures, or figures and letters (as appropriate), coinciding with the draught line denoted thereby, shall not be less than one hundred millimetres (100 mm) in height and being marked by being cut in and painted white or yellow on a dark background, or in such other way as the Registrar may approve.

The ship may retain its draught markings in Imperial units of feet and inches if it is deemed necessary.

For further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Registry at: technical@niueship.com.