



NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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REQUIREMENTS FOR FLAG STATE INSPECTORS [Circular NMC5.2017 (rev2)]

(A) PURPOSE:

To provide the requirements for Flag State inspectors.

(B) DEFINITIONS:

The term "Administration" shall mean the Niue Ship Registry.

(C) REFERENCES:

1. Niue Circulars NMC6.2017 – Instructions for Flag State Inspections
2. IMO Resolution A.1070(28) - IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III CODE)

(D) CONTENTS:

CRITERIA AND APPLICATION OF FLAG STATE INSPECTORS

1. Applicants who wish to be an authorized Flag State Inspector shall meet at least one (1) of the following criteria:
 - 1.1. Have not less than 3 years relevant seagoing experience as a certificated ship's officer (in the deck or engine department) and possess a valid management level certificate of competency (CoC) issued by an appropriate marine or nautical institution and have maintained technical knowledge of ships and their operation since obtaining the CoC.
 - 1.2. Have not less than 3 years of relevant working experience and possess a degree or equivalent from a tertiary institution within a relevant field of engineering or science recognized by the Administration.
 - 1.3. Have accreditation as a marine surveyor through a formalized training program that leads to the same standard of surveyor's experience and competency as required by the above subsections 1.1 and 1.2.
2. All applicants shall complete the relevant application FORM INSP "Application for Flag State Inspector" found at www.niueship.com
3. Approved applicants shall be issued with a Flag State inspector ID card valid for three (3) years which is non-transferable.
4. All Flag State inspector ID cards remain the property of the Administration and can be revoked without notice and shall be surrendered to the Administration upon demand.
5. Upon expiry of the Flag State inspector ID card, the Flag State Inspector may apply for renewal and shall be required to submit supporting documents to demonstrate the continuous updating of their knowledge with regards to their responsibility as a Flag State Inspector.

OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

6. All Flag State Inspectors:
 - 6.1. are to discharge their duties in accordance with current international conventions, codes, guidelines and the national maritime legislation of Niue.

- 6.2. shall obtain case-specific written authorization from the Administration via email from technical@niueship.com prior to each FSI. The Inspector ID card itself does confirm authority of attendance authority only.
- 6.3. are strictly prohibited from discussing inspection fees, soliciting or accepting gifts, or engaging in any unlawful or improper conduct.
- 6.4. shall be independent of the vessel they are inspecting. Failure to declare any conflicts of interest may result in their Flag State Inspector status being revoked.
7. All Flag State Inspectors shall be responsible for:
 - 7.1. conducting inspection of vessels' hull, accommodation, fire-fighting & lifesaving appliances and other applicable shipboard equipment and machineries;
 - 7.2. conducting shipboard audits in relation to MLC 2006, ISM Code and ISPS Code;
 - 7.3. verifying that the actual condition of the vessel conforms to the certificates carried on board;
 - 7.4. ensuring that the crew are proficient in carrying out emergency drills such as abandon ship, fire-fighting, prevention of pollution, bridge collision, emergency steering, engine local control, and electrical power failure (blackout), etc.;
 - 7.5. collating and compiling vessels' documentation;
 - 7.6. issuing a deficiencies list (if any) by completing FORM DEF (download at: <https://niueship.com/form>) to the Ship Owner and Master with a copy to the Administration at: technical@niueship.com;
 - 7.7. verifying rectification of deficiencies (if any);
 - 7.8. submitting the Flag State Inspection report by completing FORM FSI (download at: <https://niueship.com/form>) in a timely manner accompanied by photographs; and
 - 7.9. providing recommendations in line with the requirements of applicable international and national rules and standards.
8. Procedure for Unseaworthy Vessels:
 - 8.1. Where a vessel is found unfit to proceed to sea or presents an unreasonable threat of harm to the marine environment, the Flag State Inspector shall immediately recommend to the Administration that a Flag State Detention be imposed.
 - 8.2. The Inspector shall provide the Administration with a written statement containing the deficiencies leading to the recommendation for detention.
 - 8.3. Pending the Administration's decision, the Inspector may issue an interim instruction not to sail using FORM DEF and shall notify the Recognized Organization (RO) and the Administration without delay (within 6 hours).

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

9. All Flag State Inspectors shall use FORM FSI and FORM DEF for the Flag State Inspection (FSI) report which is to be completed in its entirety and provide an explanation if it is not possible.
10. The FSI report should be submitted to the Administration within 72 hours after attendance and shall not be transmitted to another third party without prior authorization from the Administration.
11. All Flag State Inspectors shall endeavor to include as many photographs as practicable to illustrate the overall general condition of the vessel together with the FSI report:

- 11.1. Overall hull (fore, aft and sides) with vessel's name, port of registry, IMO number, Load line marks and other relevant markings;
- 11.2. Weather deck areas including forecastle, main deck (port and starboard), poop decks, mast deck, deck machineries including windlass, winches, deck cranes, embarkation/accommodation ladders, air pipe head and closing appliances, etc.;
- 11.3. General condition of ballast tanks, cargo tanks/holds including cargo hatch covers etc.;
- 11.4. Fire-fighting appliances (FFA) such as Portable FFA, Fixed fire-fighting system, Fire control stations, engine room isolation valve, main and emergency fire pumps, fire hoses, quick closing valves to fuel tanks, fireman suit and equipment, EEBD, means of escape from accommodation, machinery and other spaces, etc.;
- 11.5. Lifesaving appliances (LSA) such as lifeboats, rescue boats, and life rafts including securing arrangement of hydrostatic release, etc.;
- 11.6. General condition of the bridge and navigation equipment, accommodation spaces, etc.;
- 11.7. Overview of engine room and equipment including the main engine, main and emergency generators, boiler and associated fittings, purifiers, steering gear, engine room bilges and pollution prevention equipment such as sewage treatment plant, oil filtering equipment, incinerators, etc.; and
- 11.8. Any significant defects.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Registry at technical@niueship.com or call: +65 6226-2001 for clarification.