



NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HONG KONG CONVENTION (HKC) (Circular NMC5.2025 (rev1))

(A) PURPOSE

This marine circular provides information relating to the implementation of the HKC and instructions on issuance of SoC-IHM and an IHM (Part I).

(B) DEFINITIONS

The following abbreviations stand for:

1. "EU" – European Union
2. "EMSA" – European Maritime Safety Agency
3. "HKC" – The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009
4. "RfRC" – Ready for Recycling Certificate
5. "[RO](#)" – Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19)
6. "SoC-IHM" – Statement of Compliance on Inventory of Hazardous Materials
7. "SRP" – Ship Recycling Plan
8. "SRR" – Ship Recycling Regulation

The following term(s) shall mean:

9. "Administration" – Niue Ship Registry

(C) REFERENCES

1. Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009
2. Ship Recycling Regulation No. 1257/2013 (EU SRR)
3. Resolution MEPC.269(68) Guidelines for the Development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials Resolution
4. MEPC 222(64) Guidelines for the Survey and Certification of Ships under the Hong Kong Convention

(D) APPLICATION

This circular applies to Niue-flagged vessels of 500 GT and above asf:

1. New ships (upon delivery on or after 26 June 2025)
2. Existing ships (by 25 June 2030 or before recycling, whichever earlier):
 - 2.1. Have an approved IHM Part I and a valid SoC-IHM,
 - 2.2. For ships scheduled for recycling before that date, Parts II and III must also be developed in accordance with MEPC.379(80),
 - 2.3. Parts II and III shall only be incorporated into the IHM before recycling.

(E) REQUIREMENTS

1. Certification Requirements:

- 1.1. All applicable ships must carry a valid SoC-IHM issued by RO.
- 1.2. Ships calling EU ports must comply with both HKC & EU SRR (EU SRR No. 1257/2013).
- 1.3. Separate SoCs should be issued for HKC and EU SRR where applicable

2. Action Required:

- 2.1. Shipowners, managers and ROs are to ensure IHM certificate and maintenance is done as per MEPC.269(68).
- 2.2. ROs may issue SoC-IHM upon request after completion of required surveys.
- 2.3. IHM must be updated and maintained during the ship's life.

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