



# NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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## NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007 (NAIROBI WRC 2007) (Circular NMC2.2015 (rev5))

**PURPOSE:** To provide guidance on issuance of WRCC (Wreck Removal Convention Certificate) by NSR (Niue Ship Registry) for ships above 300 GT (Gross Tonnage).

### RELATED DOCUMENTS:

1. The Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 (WRC2007)
2. Niue Marine Circular NMC3.2016 – Recognized P&I Clubs

### DEFINITIONS:

The following terms shall mean:

- “Convention Area” means the exclusive economic zone of a State Party, established in accordance with international law or, if a State Party has not established such a zone, an area beyond and adjacent to the territorial sea of that State determined by that State in accordance with international law and extending not more than 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of its territorial sea is measured.
- “Registered Owner” means the person or persons registered as the owner of the ship or, in the absence of registration, the person or persons owning the ship at the time of the maritime casualty. However, in the case of a ship owned by a State and operated by a company which in that State is registered as the operator of the ship, “registered owner” shall mean such company.
- “Ship” means a seagoing vessel of any type whatsoever and includes hydrofoil boats, air-cushion vehicles, submersibles, floating craft and floating platforms, except when such platforms are on location engaged in the exploration, exploitation or production of seabed mineral resources.
- “State Party” means a country who has ratified to the Convention.

### APPLICATION:

The WRC2007 entered into force on 14 April 2015 and requires all ships of 300 GT and above flying the flag of a State Party or performing voyages to the Convention Area of a State Party to hold a WRCC attesting that the ship has the necessary insurance or financial security in force in accordance with the provision of the Convention.

Niue has acceded to the WRC2007 which has entered into for Niue on 27 July 2015. Niue has declared in the instrument of accession that the application of this Convention shall extend to wrecks located within Niue territory, including the territorial sea. From 27 July 2015 onwards, all Niue flagged ships of 300 GT and above are required to carry on board a WRCC in accordance with the WRC2007.

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION FOR APPLICATION OF BCC:

1. Copy of Blue Card (via email at [operations@niueship.com](mailto:operations@niueship.com) or on-line at NERS (Niue Electronic Registration System) issued by the ship's insurer (normally a P&I Club) attesting that the owner/bareboat charterer of the ship is maintaining insurance meeting the liability requirements of the Convention.

2. Blue Card should be addressed to :

NIUE SHIP REGISTRY  
10 Anson Road,  
International Plaza, #25-15  
Singapore 079903

3. NSR accepts Blue Cards issued by the International Group of P&I Clubs (IG Group) and some Non-IG Group P&I Clubs. Blue Cards issued by insurers that are not recognized will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please refer to Niue Marine Circular NMC3.2016 for full list of recognized P&I Clubs.
4. Copy of the vessel Certificate of Registry (only for vessels that are NOT flagged under Niue but would like to apply for WRCC from Niue as their flag is not yet a party to the WRC2007)

For further assistance to the above, please email [operations@niueship.com](mailto:operations@niueship.com)