



NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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REQUIREMENTS ON CARRIAGE OF PUBLICATIONS (Circular NMC4.2015 (rev1))

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Marine Circular is to provide guidance to all ship owners / ship managers / ship operators / ROs on the carriage of publications.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

IMO MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2 – IMO Requirements on Carriage of Publications On Board Ships, 01 June 2006

APPLICATION:

This marine circular applies to all commercial Niue flagged vessels, except for Section C which applies specifically for vessels equipped with a ship radio station.

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A. RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS

The SOLAS, MARPOL, LOAD LINES, COLREG and STCW Conventions deal with many operational aspects, navigational responsibilities, safety-related training/drills on board, safe cargo handling, oil spill prevention, collision avoidance activities and watchkeeping standards. Thus, the Niue Ship Registry (NSR) recommends that the publications of these Conventions be carried on board even though not expressly required by IMO instruments.

The publications recommended by NSR to be carried on board ships are listed in the table below:

Title of Publication	Applicability
SOLAS - Consolidated Edition, as amended	As applicable
MARPOL - Consolidated Edition, as amended	As applicable
International Convention on Load Lines - Consolidated Edition, as amended	As applicable
COLREG - Consolidated Edition, as amended	As applicable
STCW - Consolidated Edition, as amended	As applicable
Niue Merchant Shipping (Registration of Foreign Vessels) Act 2012	All Ships
Niue Non-Convention Regulations	As applicable
Niue Marine Circulars	As applicable
Code of Safe Practices for Timber Deck Cargoes 2011, as amended	As applicable
ICS International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals, as revised	Oil Tankers
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Chemicals), as revised	Chemical Tankers
ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Liquefied Gas), as revised	LNG Tankers

B. MANDATORY PUBLICATIONS

The required publications required by IMO instruments to be carried on board ships are listed in the table below:

Title of Publication	Required by	Applicability	Remarks
IBC Code, as amended	IBC, para 16.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built after 1 July 1986
BCH Code, as amended	BCH, para 5.2.1	Chemical Tankers	Built before 1 July 1986
1993 IGC Code	IGC, para 18.1.3	Gas Carriers	Built 1 July 1986 through 30 June 2016
2016 IGC Code	IGC, para 18.1.2	Gas Carriers	Built on or after 1 July 2016
IGF Code, as amended	IGF, para 18.2.1	Gas-fuelled ships	Built on or after 1 January 2017
IMDG Code and Code Supplement, as amended	SOLAS Chapter VII	All Ships	Carrying Dangerous Goods in Package Form or Bulk
IMSBC Code and Supplement, as amended	SOLAS Chapter VI/1.1	All Ships	Carrying Solid Bulk Cargoes
International Code of Signals, as amended	SOLAS Chapter V/21.1	All Ships	Refer to Section D.9 (below)
IAMSAR Manual Volume III - Mobile Facilities, as amended	SOLAS Chapter V/21.2	All Ships	Refer to Section D.9 (below)
Nautical Charts & Publications	SOLAS Chapter V/19.2.1 & V/27	All Ships	Refer to Section D.4 (below)
Publications required by the ISM Code	ISM Code, para 1.2.3 & 11.3	All Ships	Required publications are those specifically mentioned to be carried by the ship's SMS manual

C. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS/PUBLICATIONS FOR SHIP RADIO STATIONS

The required documents/publications to be carried on board ships required by SOLAS Chap IV to be equipped with Ship Radio Stations are listed in the table below:

Type of Equipment	Title of Publication	Remarks
Radiotelephone Installations	ITU List IV – List of Coast Stations and Special Service Stations, as revised	Mandatory
	ITU – Manual for Use by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Services (Maritime Manual), as revised	Mandatory
	ITU Radio Regulations (Volume 1 to 4)	Optional
	Shore-based Maintenance Agreement	Optional
GMDSS Fitted Installations	ITU List IV – List of Coast Stations and Special Service Stations, as revised	Mandatory
	ITU List V – List of Ship Stations and Maritime Mobile Service Identity Assignments, as revised	Mandatory
	ITU – Manual for Use by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Services (Maritime Manual), as revised	Mandatory
	ITU Radio Regulations (Volume 1 to 4)	Optional
	Shore-based Maintenance Agreement	Optional

D. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIVALENTS

1. The above listed publications may be in electronic format in lieu of hard copies except where the publications are for emergency use (refer to Section D.9 below).
2. All publications should be the latest editions/revisions and up to date.
3. Electronic publications should be those issued by the IMO, the Niue Ship Registry, or a body authorized by the Niue Ship Registry.
4. Nautical charts and nautical publications, such as Sailing Directions, Lists of Lights, Notices to Mariners, tide and current tables, and all other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage, should be adequate and up to date.
5. Electronic nautical publications should be distributed directly by a Hydrographic Office or through a service approved by a Hydrographic Office.
6. Where electronic publications with backup are used, the portions required for navigation when the vessel is enroute should still be printed and included with the voyage plan unless the electronic backup is an independent computer system with its own emergency source of power. The same applies to the ITU publications found in Section C above.
7. The media (CD-ROM, Flash drive etc.) containing the electronic publications should be treated in accordance with the document control procedures in the ships' Safety Management System (SMS) which should also include procedures for timely update.
8. A nonconformity should be filed by an ISM auditor when a vessel fails to carry the required publications. However, no deficiency should be filed by Port State Control officers when vessels are found not to be carrying the publications recommended by NSR.
9. Notwithstanding the above, publications for emergency use, such as the IAMSAR Manual should always be available in the form of hard copies.

E. USEFUL INFORMATION

1. The list of current IMO publications available may be found here: <https://www.imo.org/en/Publications/Pages/CurrentPublications.aspx>
2. The list of current IMO publication distributors may be found here: <https://www.imo.org/en/publications/Pages/Distributors-default.aspx>
3. The ITU publications listed in Section C above are current at time of this marine circular, however, the ITU does publish regular revisions so it is recommended to check the ITU website <https://www.itu.int/en/Pages/default.aspx> for latest revisions.
4. The latest IMO and ITU publications may be purchased from ship chandlers, port agents or through the channels found on the IMO and ITU website.

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