



# NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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## NIUE'S STAND ON FRAUDULENT FLAGS & SEAFARER CERTIFICATION (Circular NMC3.2017 (rev0))

**PURPOSE:** Inform all parties on the stand of the Administration towards fraudulent ship and seafarer documents purportedly issued under the Samoa, Fiji, and Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

### RELATED DOCUMENTS:

1. Niue Marine Circular NMC1.2013
2. Niue Marine Circular NMC2.2015

### DEFINITIONS:

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

### APPLICATION:

This marine circular applies to all ship owners, ship operators, ship managers and ship registration agents.

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#### A. BACKGROUND

1. The Governments of Samoa, Fiji and FSM have advised that they:
  - 1.1. Do not operate (nor has authorised any entity) to operate an international ship registry; and/or
  - 1.2. Discovered that fraudulent seafarer certificates have been issued by entities that are not authorised by the authorities.
2. The above would indicate that the following entities are operating illegally:
  - 2.1. SIMA – Samoa International Maritime Authority;
  - 2.2. FSR – Fiji Ship Registry;
  - 2.3. MISR – Micronesia International Ship Registry

#### B. NIUE'S STAND TOWARDS FRAUDULENT SHIP & SEAFARER DOCUMENTS PURPORTEDLY ISSUED BY SAMOA, FIJI AND FSM

The Administration shall NOT:

1. Endorse any seafarer certificate of competency issued under Samoa, Fiji and FSM if the Administration finds that there is any reasonable doubt that they have been issued fraudulently; and
2. Issue a Wreck Removal Convention Certificate (refer to Niue Marine Circular NMC2.2015) and/or a Bunker Convention Certificate (refer to Niue Marine Circular NMC1.2013) to vessels that are purportedly flagged under the Samoa, Fiji and FSM flag.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Registry at [operations@niueship.com](mailto:operations@niueship.com) or call: +65 6226-2001 for further assistance.