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MARINE CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Classification Societies, Flag State Inspectors

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR MARKING OF TUVALU VESSELS

PURPOSE:

This marine circular serves to provide guidance on the marking of the vessel's name, official number, port of registry, and IMO ship number as specified in the vessel's Certificate of Registry. It also provides similar guidance on the draught markings. This guidance is necessary as the Administration does not issue a separate Carving and Marking Note.

APPLICATION:

The marine circular applies to all Tuvalu flagged ships except for yachts.

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All applicable Tuvalu flagged vessels shall be marked permanently and conspicuously according to the following requirements:

1. Vessel Name / Port of Registry (FUNAFUTI)

- 1.1. Vessel Name shall be marked on each of its bows.
- 1.2. Both the Vessel Name and the Port of Registry shall be marked on its stern.
- 1.3. Markings of the above characters shall be in "White" or "Yellow" if on a dark background, or in "Black" if on a light background.
- 1.4. All characters shall be of a height not less than 100 mm and of proportionate width.

2. Official Number / IMO Number

- 2.1. Vessel official number shall be cut in on its main beam or indelibly marked on a metal plate permanently affixed to the bridge or wheelhouse and shall be of a height not less than 100 mm and of proportionate width.
- 2.2. Vessel IMO number shall be marked in a visible place according to the following requirements:
 - either on the stern of the ship, OR on either side of the hull,
 - amidships port and starboard,
 - above the deepest assigned load line, OR either side of the superstructure,
 - port and starboard, OR on the front of the superstructure, OR, in the case of passenger ships, on a horizontal surface visible from the air,

- and such markings above shall be of a height not less than 200 mm and be of proportionate width.
- 2.3. Vessel IMO number shall be marked in an accessible place according to the following requirements:
- either on one of the end transverse bulkheads of the machinery spaces, as defined in SOLAS 74 (as amended) Chapter II-2 Regulation 3.30, OR
 - on one of the hatchways, OR
 - in the case of tankers, in the pump-room, OR
 - in the case of ships with Ro-Ro spaces, as defined in SOLAS 74 (as amended) Chapter II-2 Regulation 3.41, on one of the end transverse bulkheads of the Ro-Ro spaces,
 - and such markings to be of a height not less than 100 mm and be of proportionate width.

3. Draught of Water

- 3.1. A scale of decimetres, or of metres and decimetres, denoting its draught of water, shall be marked on each side of its stem and of its stern post, according the following requirements:
- in figures at 200 mm intervals, if the scale is in decimetres;
 - in figures at each metre interval and at intervening 200 mm intervals, if the scale is in metres and decimetres;
 - the capital letter "M" being placed after each metre figure;
 - the top figure of the scale showing both the metre and (except where it marks a full metre interval) the decimetre figures;
 - the lower line of figures, or figures and letters (as the case may be), coinciding with the draught line denoted thereby, the figures and letters being not less than 100 mm in height and being marked by being cut in and painted white or yellow on a dark background, or in such other way as the Registrar may approve.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Registrar
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