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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 in 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 permanently marked, with a height not less than 200 mm and in proportionate width, in a visible place 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.

- 2.3. Vessel IMO number shall be permanently marked, with a height of not less than 100 mm and in proportion width, in an easily accessible place either on one of the end transverse bulkheads of the machinery spaces, as defined in SOLAS 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 Chapter II-2 Regulation 3.41, on one of the end transverse bulkheads of the ro-ro spaces.

3. Draught of Water

A scale of decimetres, or of metres and decimetres, denoting its draught of water, shall be marked on each side of its stem, its stern post and amidships port and starboard if applicable, according to the following requirements:

- 3.1. in figures at 200 mm intervals, if the scale is in decimetres;
- 3.2. in figures at each metre interval and at intervening 200 mm intervals, if the scale is in metres and decimetres;
- 3.3. the capital letter "M" being placed after each metre figure;
- 3.4. the top figure of the scale showing both the metre and (except where it marks a full metre interval) the decimetre figures;
- 3.5. 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 Administration may approve.

Yours sincerely,

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