



# Kiribati Ship Registry

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## MARINE CIRCULAR No. 17/2012

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**TO : Ship Owners, Managers, Charterers, Ship Master and the Shipping Community**

**SUBJECT : MARKINGS ON KIRIBATI VESSELS**

This Circular is to provide guidance on the markings of the Kiribati vessels. In accordance with the vessel's Certificate of Registry, its Name, Official Number, Port of Registry (TARAWA) and IMO Ship Number shall be marked accordingly as required in this Circular, including the draught markings.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MARKING OF A KIRIBATI VESSEL

Every Kiribati vessel shall be marked permanently and conspicuously according to the following requirements:

#### 1. Name of Vessel / Port of Registry (TARAWA)

- 1.1. Name of Vessel shall be marked on each of its bows.
- 1.2. Name of Vessel and the Port of Registry (TARAWA) shall be marked on its stern.
- 1.3. The markings shall be of a height not less than 100 mm and of proportionate width, in white or yellow on a dark background, or in black on a light background.

#### 2. Official Number / IMO Ship Number

- 2.1. 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. IMO Ship Number shall be marked in a visible place according to the following requirements:
  - (i) 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
  - (ii) on 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

The above markings shall be of a height not less than 200 mm and of proportionate width.

2.3. Additionally, IMO Ship Number shall be marked in an easily accessible place according to the following requirements:

- (i) 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
- (ii) on one of the hatchways; or
- (iii) in the case of tankers, in the pump-room; or
- (iv) 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,

The above markings shall be of a height not less than 100 mm and of proportionate width.

2.4 The permanent marking of the IMO Ship Number shall be plainly visible, clear of any other markings on the hull and shall be painted in a contrasting colour.

### **3. Draught Markings**

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, its stern post and amidships port and starboard if applicable, according to the following requirements:

- (i) in figures at 200 mm intervals, if the scale is in decimetres;
- (ii) in figures at each metre interval and at intervening 200 mm intervals, if the scale is in metres and decimetres;
- (iii) the capital letter "M" being placed after each metre figure;
- (iv) the top figure of the scale showing both the metre and (except where it marks a full metre interval) the decimetre figures; and
- (v) the lower line of figures, or figures and letters (as appropriate), 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.

3.2 The vessel may retain its draught markings in Imperial units of feet and inches if it is deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Registrar  
Kiribati Ship Registry