



# Kiribati Ship Registry

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## MARINE CIRCULAR 51/2020

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**TO : Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Charterers**  
**SUBJECT : IMO Company and Registered Owner Identification Number**

### REFERENCES:

- (a) IMO Resolution MSC.160 (78)
- (b) IMO Circular letter No. 2554/Rev.3

### PURPOSE

To provide guidance on application of Company IMO number to ship owners / ship managers / charterers.

### APPLICATION

This Marine Circular applies to all ship owners / ship managers / charterers of Kiribati flagged vessels that are 100 GT and above (measured in accordance to the International Convention on the Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969).

### CONTENT

- 1) The IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number (Company IMO Number) Scheme was introduced through the adoption by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its seventy-eighth session (12 to 21 May 2004), of resolution MSC.160(78), as a measure to enhance maritime safety, security and environmental protection, and to facilitate the prevention of maritime fraud.
- 2) The Company IMO Number is a permanent number for identification purposes which is assigned to each company and/or registered owner managing vessels of 100 gross tonnages and above engaged on international voyages. The procedures for the implementation is highlighted in reference (b).
- 3) As per the requirements of SOLAS regulation XI-1/3-1 and 5, the Company IMO number shall be inserted in the following documents:
  - a) Continuous Synopsis Record
  - b) Document of Compliance – ISM code
  - c) Safety Management Certificate – ISM code
  - d) International Ship Security Certificate - ISPS Code
- 4) The Company IMO number is allocated by IHS Markit, and the label begins with the letters "IMO" followed by either "Company" or "Registered Owner", then, followed by the seven digits. Once assigned, the Company IMO number remains unchanged for a company and/or registered owner.
- 5) Registered Owners/Ship Managers may obtain the Company IMO number without charge from IHS Markit by registering for an account at the website (<https://imonumbers.lrfairplay.com>) and applying online.

- 6) Registered users will be able to look up Numbers, by using the available "Search" facility.
- 7) Take note that the website is also being used by PSC authorities to verify ship documentation. The Administration will not accept or be held responsible for mistakes or errors in the information on these websites. It will therefore be very important that Companies and Registered Owners provide both IHS Markit and the Administration with accurate matching information.

Yours sincerely,

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