



NAOERO

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

MARKING OF NAOERO VESSELS (NMA_C2.2018.Rev.3)

(a) DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

1. "IMO" – International Maritime Organization
2. "ITC-69" - International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships (1969)
3. "SOLAS" – International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended

The following terms shall mean:

1. "Administration" means the **Naoero** Maritime Administration (**NMA**)
2. "Net Tonnage" as measured in accordance with the ITC-69

(b) PURPOSE:

1. To provide guidance on the marking of Naoero-flagged vessels.
2. For existing vessels marked with Port of Registry (NAURU), please refer to Nauru Shipping Circular NMA C80 for the transition arrangements.
3. All new vessels registered from 23 September 2026 shall use Port of Registry (NAOERO).

(c) REFERENCE:

1. ITC-69
2. SOLAS
3. Vessel Registration Act 2024
4. Nauru Shipping Circular NMA C80 – Transition from "Nauru" to "Naoero"

(d) APPLICATION:

This circular applies to all Naoero-flagged vessels.

(f) CONTENTS:

All vessels shall be marked permanently and conspicuously to the satisfaction of the authorized surveyor in accordance with this Circular.

1. NAME OF VESSEL AND PORT OF REGISTRY

- 1.1. Every vessel shall have its name marked on each side of its bow and on the stern. The Port of Registry (**NAOERO**) shall also be marked on the stern.
- 1.2. These names shall be painted or gilded, or consist of cut or carved or cast Roman letters in a light colour on a dark background, or in a dark colour on a light background, secured in place and distinctly visible with the smallest letter used not being less than 100 mm in height with proportionate width.



2. OFFICIAL NUMBER AND NET TONNAGE

- 2.1. For vessels of less than 24 metres in length, its official number shall be cut in on the main beam or on a main structural member or on an integral part of the vessel where readily visible; and
- 2.2. For vessels exceeding 24 metres in length, its official number and net tonnage shall be cut in on the main beam or on a main structural member or on an integral part of the vessel where readily visible.

3. VESSEL IMO NUMBER

- 3.1. The vessel IMO Number, where applicable, shall be permanently marked, with a height not less than 200mm with 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.
- 3.2. Additionally, the vessel IMO number shall also be permanently marked, with a height of not less than 100mm 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.

4. DRAUGHT MARKINGS

- 4.1. 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 the following requirements:
 - 4.1.1. in figures at 200 mm intervals, if the scale is in decimetres;
 - 4.1.2. in figures at each metre interval and at intervening 200 mm intervals, if the scale is in metres and decimetres;
 - 4.1.3. the capital letter "M" being placed after each metre figure;
 - 4.1.4. the top figure of the scale showing both the metre and except where it marks a full metre interval, the decimetre figures; and
 - 4.1.5. the lower line of figures, or figures and letters as appropriate, coinciding with the draught line denoted thereby, shall not be less than 100 mm in height and being marked by cut in and painted white or yellow on a dark background, or in such other way as the Administration may approve.

For further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Administration at: tech@maritimenaoero.com.