



**REPUBLIC TOGOLAISE
DIRECTORATE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS
INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY**

TOGO CIRCULAR ON NAIROBI WRECK REMOVAL CONVENTION

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To: Ship-owners/Operators, Ship Management companies, Company Security Officers, Deputy Registrars and Recognized Organizations (ROs)

Subject: Entry into force of the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks

Reference: Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks

Purpose:

1. The purpose of this Circular is to provide the guidelines to be followed in order to obtain the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, taking into account that this Convention will enter into force on 14 April 2015 as well as the firm interest of Togo State to ratify the said Convention on the near future

Background to the WRC Convention:

2. As the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks establishes it in Article 12.1 "the registered owner of a ship of 300 gross tonnage and above and flying the flag of a State Party shall be required to maintain insurance or other financial security, such as a guarantee of a bank or similar institution, to cover liability under the Convention in an amount equal to the limits of liability under the applicable national or international limitation regime, but in all cases not exceeding an amount calculated in accordance with article 6 (1) (b) of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended".

3. The Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, on Article 12.2 establishes that "a certificate attesting that insurance or other financial security is in force in accordance with the provisions of the Convention shall be issued to each ship of 300 gross tonnage and above by the appropriate authority of the State of the ship's registry after determining that the requirements of paragraph 1 have been complied with". And also that, States that have already ratified the Convention may not allow vessels, to which this convention applies, to enter or leave their ports upon entry into force of this convention.

Guidance for the Togolese registered fleet:

4. Until this Administration finalizes the formal process of ratifying the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, Owners/Operators, or Ship Management companies of Togolese registered vessels are guided to note and follow the below procedures adopted by the Administration.

4.1 Having regard to the WRC which states that vessels registered in a State, which is not party to the Convention, but which perform voyages to countries that are Parties should obtain a certificate from a State Party.

Cook Islands is a State Party and has consented to process applications and issue certificates to owners of vessels registered in Togo flag under the Nairobi Convention and until Togo State becomes a Member State of the Wreck Removal Convention.

4.2 Therefore it is notified that Togo State will only recognize those certificates that are issued by the Maritime Administration of the Cook Islands basis the Certificate of Insurance or other Financial Security in Respect of Civil Liability for Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks as shall be provided for vessels flying the Togolese flag.

4.3 In order to obtain the Wreck Removal certification through the Cook Islands Administration, applicants shall follow the below steps and procedure:

- a) For direct and on line application for the issue of the WRC please follow the below link and comply with the described requirements:

<https://secure.maritimcookislands.com/wreck/application.php?dr=CIDR-59>

SPECIAL NOTE: Alternatively, applications can be submitted for processing to the office of the Togo Registrar by using the below contact details:

International Registration Bureau:

Email: stcw@togoregistrar.com or administartion@togoregistrar.com

- b) Issuance of the required Blue card by vessel's P&I / Insurance company **must be made** to the name of :

Maritime Cook Islands, P.O. Box 882, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

- c) For approved P&I / Insurance entities, please check below web link and ensure that your Blue Card is issued by any of the listed entities:

<http://maritimcookislands.com/index.php/approved-pai-clubs?phpMyadmin=468c4e449b59t7643f2c9>

4.4 Please be advised, that the certificate issued by Cook Islands, shall be accepted by the other Parties of the Convention due to the fact that Cook Islands has ratified this Convention.

Note: This procedure shall be considered valid until Togo State ratifies the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks. Once Togo State ratifies this Convention, this Administration will notify all vessels flying the Togolese flag on the procedures to be followed in order to obtain the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks issued by this Administration, which will be valid throughout the validity of the insurance or other financial security.

For further inquiries and guidance concerning the subject of this circular or any request should be directed to:

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