
		SHIPS CLASSIFICATION MALAYSIA SCM CIRCULAR TO SHIPOWNERS, MASTERS, AGENTS AND RELEVANT INTEREST PARTIES			
QUALITY MATTERS					
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TITLE	IMO UNIQUE COMPANY AND REGISTERED OWNER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SCHEME				

Applicable to: Shipowners and shipmanagers of Malaysian ships. This Circular informs the Shipping Community of the resolution adopted by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee 78 (MSC 78) and urges the shipping community to prepare for early implementation.

The IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number Scheme was introduced through the adoption by MSC 78, of resolution MSC.160(78), as a measure to enhance maritime safety, security and environmental protection, and to facilitate the prevention of maritime fraud. **Its purpose is to assign a permanent number for identification purposes to each company and/or registered owner managing ships of 100 gross tonnage and above engaged on international voyages.**

2 The IMO unique company and registered owner identification number Scheme is managed without charge by Lloyd's Register – Fairplay (LRF). **The Number consists of seven digits assigned by LRF. The label begins with the letters "IMO" followed by either "Company" or "Registered Owner", then, followed by the seven digits. "Company" has the same meaning as in SOLAS IX/1. "Registered Owner" is the owner specified on a ship's certificate of registry issued by the Marine Department of Malaysia.**

3 The adoption of resolution MSC.160(78) which introduced the IMO unique company and registered owner identification number scheme has among others led to the amendments to SOLAS regulation XI-1/5 on the continuous synopsis record (resolution MSC.194(80), which should enter into force **on 1 Jan 2009**. MSC 80 also adopted amendments to the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (ISM Code) (resolution MSC.195(80)) and to the International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities (International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code) (resolution MSC.196(80)) introducing references to the company and registered owner identification number.

4 Following these amendments, the IMO unique company and registered owner identification number would have to be inserted on documents such as Document of Compliance (DOC), Safety Management Certificate (SMC), Interim Document of Compliance and Interim Safety Management Certificate required by the International Safety Management Code, Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) and International (Interim) Ship Security Certificate required by SOLAS chapter XI-1, regulation 5 and Part A, respectively.

5 Owners and managers of Malaysian ships are urged to make application for the IMO unique company and registered owner identification number from Ships Classification Malaysia or directly to Lloyd Register Fairplay (LRF) at an early convenient date.

6 Owners are also reminded to liaise with Malaysian Marine Department on the necessary arrangement to be taken in applying for CSR certificates or for amending existing CSR certificates, for the inclusion of the IMO unique company and registered owner identification number on the certificate.

7. Attachments:

A. request for registered owner identification number

B. request IMO company identification number



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