



## **NIGERIAN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY AGENCY (NIMASA)**

(Established under the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Act, 2007)

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# **MARINE NOTICE**

**TO ALL: SHIPOWNERS, SHIPPING  
COMPANIES, SHIPPING AGENTS, SHIP  
OPERATORS, SHIP MANAGERS, FISHING  
TRAWLER OWNERS OR OPERATORS, SHIP  
CHARTERERS, MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS  
AND THE PUBLIC**

## **RENEWAL OF EXPIRED CERTIFICATES OF NIGERIAN REGISTRY, PROVISION OF IMO NUMBER, CALL SIGN, AND PROPER CARVING AND MARKING OF VESSELS**

Pursuant to the Agency's statutory mandate under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2007, NIMASA Act, 2007 and the Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act, 2003, NOTICE is hereby given as follows:

1. That all Nigerian flagged vessels with expired Certificates of Registry are required to renew same.
2. That in line with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at sea (SOLAS) Regulation 3-1, all Nigerian Flagged vessels of 500 Gross tons and above are required to be classed by a Classification Society approved by the Nigerian Flag Administration. Furthermore, vessels covered under 1966 Loadline Convention (24m and above) are also required to be classed.
3. That in line with IMO Resolution A.1078 (28) on IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme, all Nigerian flagged self-propelled vessels, including fishing trawlers of 100 gross tonnage (including fishing vessels of 12m LOA) and above are required to have IMO Number and same should be marked in a visible place (SOLAS XI-1/3) at the stern and engine room bulkhead and any other location and also inserted on the Certificate of Registry (COR).

### **General Requirements:**

- i. Automatic Identification System (AIS) – All Nigerian flagged self-propelled vessels including fishing of 100 gross tonnage and above should have AIS installed and left operational at all time.
- ii. Call Sign: - All vessels with Radio equipment shall have call sign.
- iii. Maritime Mobile Service Identification (MMSI) Number: - All vessels 300 gross tonnage and above shall have MMSI number and Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS) equipment related to its operating sea area.
- iv. That all Nigerian flagged vessels whether self-propelled or not are required to be marked permanently and conspicuously prior to registration; the Name, the Port of Registry, IMO number and Official number, the Scale denoting the ship's draught as appropriate, provided under Section 23 of the Merchant Shipping Act 2007.

**All ship-owners, ship operators, shipping agents, ship charterers including fishing vessel owners or operators and the general public are hereby given three (3) months from the date of this publication to ensure strict compliance with this notice.**

**Take Note** that failure to comply with this notice will lead to de-registration from the Register, detention, and payment of fine.

For further inquiries or information, please contact:

Ag. Registrar of Ships  
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**SIGNED: MANAGEMENT**