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MARINE CIRCULAR
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TO **Ship Owners, Managers, Charterers, Ship Master and the Shipping Community**

SUBJECT **Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007**

PURPOSE

This Circular is to notify the shipping community on procedure to apply for Wreck Removal Convention Certificate (WRCC) necessitated by the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 (WRC 2007) which entered into force on 14 April 2015.

APPLICATION

The WRC makes it compulsory for ships above 300 Gross Tonnage, flying the flag of a State Party or calling the port(s) of a State Party, to take out insurance or provide other financial security to cover the costs of wreck removal. Ships that call at ports of State Parties are specifically required to produce the WRCC issued by a State Party to attest that they have obtained adequate insurance coverage in accordance to the WRC 2007.

CONTENT

The WRC 2007 provides a strict liability, compensation and mandatory insurance regime for States affected by a maritime casualty. For more information, please refer to the WRC Text.

As Kiribati has yet to accede to the WRC 2007, ship owners of Kiribati flagged vessels that require a WRCC may contact the Naoero Maritime Administration (a State Party) at:

Naoero Maritime Administration
Email: flag@maritimenaoero.com
Website: https://maritimenaoero.com
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to apply for a WRCC as the WRC 2007 permits State Parties to issue the WRCC to ships belonging to non-Convention States.

Naoero will continue to issue WRCCs on behalf of Kiribati until Kiribati accedes to the WRC 2007 which will then require all renewals of WRCCs to be issued by the Kiribati Ship Registry.

A revision to this Marine Circular will be issued once Kiribati is ready to implement the WRC 2007.

Yours sincerely,

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