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ATTENTION:

- (I) SHIP OWNERS AND MANAGERS
- (II) MASTERS AND OFFICERS
- (III) RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS
- (IV) DEPUTY REGISTRARS
- (V) JAMAICAN EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES

The “IMO UNIQUE COMPANY AND REGISTERED OWNER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SCHEME” deemed to have been accepted by IMO Member States on 1 July 2008, comes into force on January 1, 2009. All Registered Owners of Jamaican ships/Companies, will be required to be then in full compliance.

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A. Objective

The objective of this Circular is to inform that the “IMO UNIQUE COMPANY AND REGISTERED OWNER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SCHEME”, its applicability, conditions and mechanisms for implementation, the requirement to inform the Jamaica Ship Registry of all assignments of the numbers and the operational or administrative implications of the scheme which will imminently come into effect.

B. Background


The **IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number Scheme** came into force on July 1, 2008 through the adoption of [IMO Resolution MSC.160\(78\)](#), following its introduction in 2004. The Scheme serves to enhance maritime safety, security and environmental protection and to facilitate the prevention of maritime fraud with special regard to the Ownership of vessels. It requires the assignment by Lloyds Register Fairplay, of a permanent identification number to each Registered Owner and Company managing ships of 100 gt or more and engaged on international voyages.

The Number stays the same when a company changes its name. When companies merge, LR-F will assign the Number of the larger company to the new amalgamated entity, while the Number of the smaller entity will be frozen. Numbers once assigned, cannot be re-used. LR-F maintains a history of Companies and Registered Owners of ships on its database.

C. Definition

“Company” shall have the same meaning as in the ISM Code and SOLAS Regulation IX/1

“Registered Owner” is the owner specified on the ship’s certificate of registry issued by an Administration.

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D. Applying for a Number

Lloyd's Register Fairplay administers the assignment of numbers and maintains the database of assignments. Registered Owners and companies may obtain their numbers directly from Lloyd's Register online or by submitting an Application. The steps below should be followed if a number is being requested:

i) Online

- a) Goto the Lloyd's Register-Fairplay free website: www.imonumbers.lrfairplay.com
- b) Follow the instructions

ii) By paper application


- a) Recognized Organizations (ROs) that undertake Safety Management Certificate (SMC) and Document of Compliance (DOC) audits and Recognized Security Organizations (RSOs) that undertake International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) audits for Companies who have not previously been assigned a Number, may submit an application in the form as at Appendix 1 or Appendix II (as applicable) to:

Lloyd's Register – Fairplay (LRF)
 Lombard House
 3 Princess Way, Redhill
 Surrey RH1 1UP
 United Kingdom

Tel: (+44) 1737 379060
 Fax: (+44) 1737 379040
 Email: owners-data-feedback@lrfairplay.com

The following should be noted about the website:

1. It was established to allow Administrations to look-up Numbers as well as communicate correct Company details. Administrations assume no duty to examine, correct, change, alter, or modify information generated by the website or to notify Lloyd's Register-Fairplay of incorrect information reflected on the website.
2. This website is also available to Companies and Registered Owners, who may use it to complete the numbering requirements on the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) (Resolution A.959 (23)).
3. Administrations do not accept nor are responsible for mistakes or errors in the information reflected on these websites. It will therefore be very important that Companies and Registered Owners provide both Lloyd's Register Fairplay and the Administration with accurate and consistent information.

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E. Features of the Number

1. The alpha-numeric number consists of seven digits preceded by “IMO” then “Company” or “Registered Owner”
2. Once assigned, the number remains for the exclusive application to that company or Registered Owner whether or not the company remains in operation after assignment.
3. If there is a merger of Companies or Registered Owners, Lloyd’s Register Fairplay assigns the Number of the larger Company to the new amalgamated entity and use of the smaller number is discontinued.


F. Implementation

The Administration considers the date of effect of this circular as the date of effect of its content. As such:

1. All Companies and Registered Owners with ships to which this circular applies, are required to notify the Administration of the Numbers assigned to them without delay. It is to be noted that **full compliance is required by January 1, 2009 or the date of entry into force.**
2. Upon receipt of the number, the Jamaica Ship Registry will re-issue the Continuous Synopsis Record to reflect the Registered Owner and Company Number
3. Certificates issued in accordance with SOLAS 1974, as amended, Regulation IX-1/3-1.5, the International Safety Management Code (ISM Code) and international Code for the Security of Ships and Port Facilities (ISPS Code) shall be amended to include the IMO Company number.
4. New Companies and/or Registered Owners managing ships covered by the Scheme are assigned a Number when their ship is registered with the Administration. For existing Companies and/or Registered Owners prior to 1 January 2009, the Number should be assigned at an early convenient date, or when any document detailed in paragraph D(ii) above, is issued or renewed. The Number must be assigned whenever any such document is issued, revised or renewed on or after 1 January 2009.
5. Original information about a Company and/or Registered Owner will be collected by the Administration by means of the Application for Registration. The information collected is that which the Administration ordinarily collects during the registration process, namely:
 1. Company and, or Registered Owner name-styles
 2. Jurisdiction (country or State) of incorporation or registration
 3. Date of incorporation; and
 4. Full address (operational address) and contact details

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6. During registration, the Administration will expect the Company and Registered Owner to provide the Number assigned to it where one is assigned. The Administration may contact LR-F to confirm the Numbers provided by the Company and Registered Owner. The Administration will also be routinely updating its database with that of LR-F.

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Appendix 1

**REQUEST FOR COMPANY
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

LLOYD'S REGISTER - FAIRPLAY
Lombard House
3 Princess Way
Redhill
SURREY RH1 1UP

TELEPHONE +44 1737 379061
INTERNATIONAL FAX +44 1737 379001
EMAIL: owners-data-feedback@lrfairplay.com

TO ENABLE ASSIGNMENT OF A COMPANY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

CURRENT COMPANY NAME _____

FORMER NAME(S) (if known) _____

Please This is a newly established

This is a Change of Company (please give former name above)

This is a Company Merger (please give former names of all companies above)


DATE OF _____

COUNTRY OF INCORPORATION _____
(REGISTRATION)

FULL STREET ADDRESS _____
(required)

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

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IF KNOWN - PARENT COMPANY

IMO ship identification number(s) or
if not available other ship details _____
(Please supply at least one IMO ship identification number in the
current fleet. This helps in the identification of Company records)


SENDER NAME: _____

SENDER FAX _____

SENDER EMAIL: _____

LR-F Reply:

IMO Company No. _____

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Appendix 2

**REQUEST FOR REGISTERED OWNER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

LLOYD'S REGISTER - FAIRPLAY
Lombard House
3 Princess Way
Redhill
SURREY RH1 1UP

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EMAIL: [owners-data-
feedback@lrfairplay.com](mailto:owners-data-feedback@lrfairplay.com)

TO ENABLE ASSIGNMENT OF A REGISTERED OWNER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

CURRENT COMPANY NAME _____

FORMER NAME(S) (if _____

Please This is a newly established

This is a Change of Company (please give former name above)

This is a Company Merger (please give former names of all companies above)


DATE OF INCORPORATION _____

COUNTRY OF (REGISTRATION) _____

FULL STREET ADDRESS (required) _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

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IF KNOWN - PARENT COMPANY

IMO ship identification number(s) or if not available other _____
(Please supply at least one IMO ship identification number in the current fleet. This helps in the identification of


SENDER NAME: _____

SENDER FAX _____

SENDER EMAIL: _____

LR-F Reply: _____
IMO Registered Owner No. _____

<http://www.imonumbers.lrfairplay.com/>

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