



GUIDANCE ON FIRE CONTROL PLANS & LIFE-SAVING SYMBOLS (NMA_C58.2025. Rev.0)

(a) DEFINITION:

The following abbreviations stand for:

1. "FCP" – Fire Control Plan
2. "IMO" – International Maritime Organization
3. "MSC" – Maritime Safety Committee (IMO)
4. "PSC" – Port State Control
5. "RO" – Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19)
6. "SOLAS" – International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended

The term "**Administration**" refers to the Nauru Maritime Administration.

(b) PURPOSE:

This marine circular provides for an interpretation and clarification on the establishment of FCPs and Lifesaving Plans on board Nauru-flagged vessels as recommended by the referenced IMO Resolutions and MSC circular.

(c) REFERENCES:

1. IMO Resolution A.952(23), adopted on 5 December 2003
2. IMO Resolution A.654(16), adopted on 19 October 1989
3. IMO Resolution A.760(18), adopted on 4 November 1993, as amended by IMO Resolution MSC.82(70), adopted on 11 December 1998
4. MSC/Circ.451, dated 24 September 1986

(d) APPLICATION:

IMO Resolution A.760(18), as amended, is applicable to all Nauru-flagged vessels, while the applicability of Resolution A.654(16) and Resolution A.952(23) depend on whether the vessel is a newbuild or an existing vessel.

(e) CONTENTS:

1. Lifesaving Symbols

All Nauru-flagged vessels shall comply with IMO Resolution A.760(18). ROs and PSC officers check this requirement vigorously, therefore vessels not in compliance should take appropriate action immediately.

2. Fire Control Plans

2.1. New Construction

All new vessels with keel laid on or after 1st January 2004 shall be required to use the new symbols on their FCPs. During the plan review process, ROs should verify compliance with IMO Resolution A.952(23).

2.2. Existing Vessels

All vessels with keel laid before 1st January 2004 are not required to revise their FCPs that have not used the new IMO symbols as long as they use the symbols contained in IMO Resolution A.654(16). The Administration will expect, however, that the new IMO Resolution A.952(23) symbols be incorporated if it becomes necessary for any reason to reissue a vessel's FCP.

2.3. Storage of Plans Outside the Deckhouse

A duplicate set of FCPs or a booklet containing such plans shall be permanently stored in prominently marked watertight enclosure outside the deckhouse for the assistance of shore-side fire-fighting personnel. (ref. IMO MSC/Circ.451)

3. Marking of Stowage Location of Equipment and Arrangements

Marking of all life-saving, fire-fighting equipment and arrangements shall correspond to the symbols illustrated in the respective plan(s). The marking, if not of a photoluminescent type, shall be at least in "like color" to that shown in the plan(s).