



GUIDE TO APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AND GOOD STANDING ON THE FFA VESSEL REGISTER

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1. INTRODUCTION

FFA Vessel Register procedures are additional to any national registration and licensing procedures required by FFA members¹.

Any application received which contains information that is incorrect, inaccurate, misleading or incomplete, will be rejected, and the applicant will be informed of the reasons for rejection. Any vessel that contravenes FFA Vessel Register requirements is likely to have its good standing on the FFA Vessel Register suspended or withdrawn, so that it will not be legally entitled to fish in any FFA member EEZ.

Further information on FFA Vessel Register procedures is available upon request to the FFA Secretariat (contact details at **Annex 1** or email vessel.register@ffa.int) or can be downloaded from the FFA website (<http://www.ffa.int>, follow the links).

2. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AND GOOD STANDING ON FFA VESSEL REGISTER

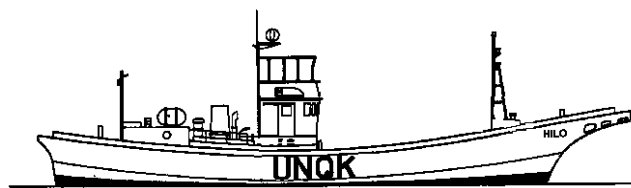
2.1 How to apply

2.1.1 For vessels that do not hold good standing in the 2009/2010 registration period and vessels that are currently in good standing, an application must be submitted using the **Application For Registration** form. This form can be downloaded from the FFA Website (<http://www.ffa.int>, follow the links) and is identified as **Attachment 2**.

Applications for registration using any other application form will be rejected.

2.2 Vessel Marking and Photograph of Vessel

2.2.1 Vessel operators should take particular care to ensure that vessels are marked in accordance with the *FAO Standard Specifications for the Marking and Identification of Fishing Vessels* (available in document **Important Notice for Vessel Registration 2010_2011**).



2.2.2 Upon application, vessel operators must provide recent (12 months or less) date-stamped colour hard-copies or digital photographs of the vessel in accordance with the following requirements: (a) side view photograph, (b) plan view (overhead) photograph, (c) dimensions of colour hard copies to be 15cm x 20cm (6 x 8 inch, 150 dpi), (d) vessel's name in English to be shown clearly, (e) show the International Radio Call Sign (IRCS) issued by the International Telecommunications Union painted in contrasting colours, and (f) the size of the letters as stipulated in the *FAO Standard Specifications for the Marking and Identification of Fishing Vessels*.

2.2.3 If an IRCS has been provided by the International Communications Union, it must be clearly displayed. In cases where a vessel does not have an IRCS, the flag State registration number must be clearly displayed, the size of the letters and numbers as stipulated in the *FAO Standard Specifications for the Marking and Identification of Fishing Vessels*.

¹ Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

2.2.4 Applications with inadequate photographs, or where it is clear that the vessel has not been adequately marked, will not be accepted.

2.3 Attachments to the Application for Registration

2.3.1 In addition to a photograph of the vessel, copies of the following documents must be attached to the **Application for Registration** form:

- a) the vessel's flag State Registration Certificate (to be provided upon application and annually thereafter),
- b) company ownership details and proof of corporate registration (to be provided upon application and immediately when details change),
- c) the vessel's schematic stowage plan or diagram showing internal spaces (to be provided upon application and immediately when details change), and
- d) a copy of the valid MTU² Inspection Certificate issued by the authorized or certified Installer.

2.4 FFA Vessel Registration Fee

2.4.1 The FFA Vessel Registration Fee is Two Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Nine United States dollars (USD\$2,529.00) per vessel. The fee has been raised by the annual increase in the Regional Index of 3.3% and represents an inflation adjustment over 2009-2010 registration period. For Purse Seine Fishing Vessels there is an additional fee of Eight Hundred United States dollars (USD\$800.00) for the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) management fee. Note that this management fee is subject to change based on a review by the parties to the Palau Arrangement scheduled for May 2010. Subject to outcomes of the said review of the management fee, for Purse Seine Fishing Vessels, the Vessel Registration Fee is Three Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Nine United States dollars (USD\$3,329.00). To achieve registration, the FFA Vessel Registration fee must be paid in full and be free of any deductions such as banking fees.

2.4.2 Payments of the FFA Vessel Registration fee, whether partial or in full, will not be refunded and are not transferable.

2.4.3 Changes to the vessel ownership, flag and/or gear type will require a new registration.

2.4.4 Vessel operators submitting FFA Vessel Registration fee payments to the FFA Secretariat by bank draft or Telegraphic Transfer (TT) should ensure that the vessel name, IRCS and when the vessel does not have an IRCS submit the flag registration number of each vessel for which payment is being made is stated in the advice accompanying the bank draft or TT advice.

² MTU means FFA Type approved Mobile Transceiver Unit

2.4.5 Telegraphic transfers of fees to the FFA Secretariat should be paid to:

Account Name	FFA USD No.5 ACCOUNT
Account Number	01-002506-6001
Bank Address	BANK SOUTH PACIFIC (BSP) Mendana Avenue, Point Cruz Honiara Solomon Islands
Swift Code	NBSISBSB
US Correspondent Bank Name And address	WACHOVIA BANK 11 Pen Plaza 4th Floor, New York 1001, USA
Swift Code	PNBPUS33
Bank Address	HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

After fee remittance, the FFA Secretariat should be advised of the reference number of the telegraphic transfer.

2.5 Information to assist in completing the Application for Registration Form

Term	Definition
International Radio Call Sign (IRCS)	Issued by the International Telecommunications Union – must be written in the space provided on the Application For Registration form.
Gross Tonnage (GT)	Computed from the total volume ‘V’ in cubic metres multiplied by the factor K1 (based on $\log_{10} V$), using the formula $GT=K1 \times V$. The gross tonnage indicates a vessel’s total volume, not its weight.
Rated Speed in knots	Calculated from the average of the maximum speed of the vessel from two runs over a measured nautical mile (nm).
Normal Crew Complement	The total number of persons normally on board the vessel during fishing operations, including all officers and crew.
Engine Model	The name of the engine manufacturer and the name of the model type.
Inmarsat Mobile Number (IMN)	The 9 digit Inmarsat Mobile Number, the first number of which is ‘4’, issued by Inmarsat Limited, London, United Kingdom. Not applicable if the MTU or E-MTU is Faria Watchdog (Iridium).

2.6 Waiting period for issue of an FFA Vessel Registration Certificate

2.6.1 If a vessel is in Good Standing on the FFA Vessel Register at the time of application for re-registration and all FFA Vessel Register requirements have been satisfied, an FFA Vessel Registration Certificate may be issued within 24 hours during a normal business week.

2.6.2 However, if a vessel is not in Good Standing on the FFA Vessel Register at the time of application for registration, and/or not all FFA Vessel Register requirements have been satisfied, a waiting period of five (5) working days or longer may be expected.

2.7 CONTACT PERSONS AT THE FFA SECRETARIAT FOR VESSEL REGISTRATION

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Vessel Registration email Address: vessel.register@ffa.int