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**ARMADA DEL ECUADOR  
DIRECCIÓN NACIONAL DE LOS ESPACIOS ACUÁTICOS**

**RESOLUTION No. 005/16**

**CALM Mauricio Alvear Oramas  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE AQUATIC SPACES**

**CONSIDERING:**

- That,** the compliance with the norms established in the Regulation to the Maritime Activity, in the chapter II concerning the license of the ships, and the Code of Maritime Police regarding his identification, the national merchant's vessels are identify by his name and number of license, the same that they have to situate in the stern or in the armies, depending on the class of ship;
- That,** the number of the licenses of the national vessels is granted with established codes, in consideration to the Captaincy of the Port of register, the class of vessels and the service that offer;
- That,** with reason of the increase of illicit activities in the sea, like the illegal exit of citizens of the country, smuggling, drug and arms trafficking, etc., it has determined that there are ships that have equal names, and in a lot of cases make the same activity, as a result of which, Shipowners who are not involved in these illicit activities have had inconvenient;
- That,** the Maritime Authority considers necessary, issue norms to control that the construction of vessels are not authorized to those vessels that pretend to put them names that already are used by others, likewise, to control that this do not occur when a change of name it requested and the port of register;
- That,** the Maritime Authority also estimates necessary, that the names and licenses of the vessels have to paint in places that allow his easy identification from the air when air patrols are carried out, which will help in the control of the ships that are used in illicit activities, in the research and rescue, and definite will prevent against the security of the navigation and the security of the human life in the sea;
- That,** through Executive Decree No. 1111 of 27 May 2008, published in the Official Register No. 358 of 12 June 2008, the National Direction of the Aquatic Spaces (DIRNEA) was created, like National Maritime Authority, dependent on the General Command of the Navy;
- That,** the article 3.5.2 of the Executive Decree No. 723 of 09 July of the 2015 published in the Official Register No. 561 of 07 August of the 2015, disposes to the Ecuadorian Navy: Issue through the National Defense Ministry, inside the field of his attributions, the related regulations with the security of the human life in the sea, security of the navigation, maritime protection and all the necessary fields to ensure the fulfillment of the competitions assigned;

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**That,** the Ministerial Agreement No. 164 of the Defense Ministry, in his Art.1, it delegates to the National Director of the Aquatic Spaces so that on behalf of Minister of National Defense, effect the issuance of technical regulations related to the safety of human life at sea, security in the navigation and prevention of the pollution of the seas, necessary to implant the normative instruments of the OMI;

**That,** the identification of the vessel, as well as its correct labeling facilitate the tasks of research and rescue, by which contribute definitively to the security of the human life at sea;

**That,** it is necessary to replace the Resolution No. 115-06, of the General Direction of Merchant Navy, published in the Official Register No. 327 of 03 August 2006, in which they state the regulations for the identification of the ships of ecuadorian flag.

In exercise of the legal and statutory attributions pertinent;

**It RESOLVES:**

**ESTABLISH NORMS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE VESSELS WITH ECUADORIAN FLAG.**

**Art. 1.-** It is provided that Shipowners permanently mark the name and registration number on the vessels and places that are expressed below:

**I. VESSELS: Until 50 TRB.**

- a. In his bows;
- b. In the sides of the superstructure;
- c. On the roof of the government bridge.
- d. The painted of the port of register in the stern will be optional for these ships.

The size of the numbers and letters will be of 200 millimeters long by 120 millimeters wide, with a separation between each other of 50 millimeters.

**II. VESSELS: Over 50 TRB.**

- a. In the bows;
- b. In the stern;
- c. It will paint the port of register under the name of the vessel in the stern.

The size of the numbers and letters will be of a no inferior height to 200 millimeters and a proportional width to his height.

**Art. 2.-** In the vessels with wooden helmet, before proceeding to paint, will have to proceed to make the cut of the name and number of registration number of the ship in gap or low relief, directly on the helmet or superstructure; if it treats of ships of steel helmet or naval aluminum, will mark with welding in high relief directly on the iron of the helmet.

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**Art. 3.-** On vessels built with fiberglass, the marked will be able to effect through molding of letters and numbers in high relief, these will be laminated with fiberglass and resin, fixed to the helmet or superstructure permanently; in such a way that it guarantees that said marked cannot be easily erased, but in no case, will it be superimposed or only painted.

**Art. 4.-** The numbers and letters will be painted with a same color, that highlight or contrast to the background color; and will have to keep in good condition the painted of numbers and letters, since the vessel has to be easily identifiable. The letters will be in capitalized case and in printing.

**Art. 5.-** It will not allow that vessels of the same class have similar names. In the case of new constructions of ships, those interested should indicate to the Maritime Authority the name with which they pretend to identify them, with the object that this was approved by the Juridical Department of the Captaincy of corresponding Port.

**Art. 6.-** In the case of the lifeboats they will be mark in both bows, with capital letters, the name and the port of register of the vessel that belong the boat.

**GENERAL DISPOSAL**

**ONLY.** - The Captaincies of Port will be in charge of controlling compliance of this Resolution.

**DEROGATORY DISPOSAL**

**ONLY.** - Derogate the Resolution No. 115-06, issued by the General Direction of the Merchant Marine and published in the Official Register No. 327 of 03 August 2006.

The present Resolution will go in in force from the date of his publication in the Official Register.

Die and signed in the city of Guayaquil, in the dispatch of the National Director of the Aquatic Spaces (DIRNEA), on 19 September 2016.

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NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE AQUATIC SPACES**

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**SOURCES OF THE PRESENT EDITION OF THE RESOLUTION THAT ESTABLISHES  
NORMS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE CRAFTS OF ECUADORIAN FLAG**

1. Resolution 005/16 (Official Register 877, 9-XI-2016).