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Information on Certificates and Documents issued by the Republic of Liberia

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To Whom It May Concern:

The International Maritime Organization (IMO), has agreed that a certificate may be considered as "original" or "authentic" while containing an "authorized" electronically applied signature or stamp. The IMO Facilitation Committee approved circular, [FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2](#) - Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates, at its 40th session in April 2016. The printed versions of electronic certificates issued by Liberia comply with the provision in section 4 of [FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2](#). From October 2, 2006, the Liberian Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Maritime Affairs, the Republic of Liberia, duly authorized their signature and stamp to be electronically applied and printed on hard copy maritime certificates and documents issued by the Liberian Administration. The format and content of the certificates and documents are consistent with the models given in SOLAS, MARPOL, MLC and other relevant conventions and contain, within the background, the seal of the Republic of Liberia. Each certificate has a unique tracking identification number (TID) on the bottom that can be used as a second means of verifying the certificate's authenticity.* Examples of Liberia's electronic certificates may be viewed on IMO's Global Integrated Shipping Information System under the Survey and Certification Module on IMO's website: <https://gis.imo.org/Members/>.

Section 7 of [FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2](#) provides that port State control officers and other stakeholders should accept electronic certificates that contain the features identified in section 4.

The printed versions of Liberia's electronic certificates include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Certificates of Registry
- Minimum Safe Manning Certificates
- Radio Licenses
- Continuous Synopsis Records
- Ballast Water Management Certificates
- International Safety Management Certificates
- International Ship Security Certificates
- Liability Convention Certificates
- Maritime Labour Convention Certificates

The certificates and documents may be transmitted by regular surface mail or electronically and are protected from alteration or tampering. Certificates issued on board a vessel may have the date of issuance and expiration typed or hand written by an authorized Liberian Inspector, Auditor or Special Agent of the Deputy Commissioner.

This letter is to be kept with the vessel's certificates and documents and made available to interested Port State Control boarding officers, Classification Society surveyors and auditors.

Margaret Ansumana
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* Most, but not all, certificates and documents issued after October 16, 2007 now have a unique Tracking Identification Number (TID) located at the bottom of the form, example: **TID: 01221 - 51000 - 00015 - 59623**.

Authenticity of certificates and documents with TID can be verified by selecting "Vessel Certificate Verification" under "Maritime" section on the home page of the Liberian Registry website: www.lisscr.com or "Verify Vessel Document" tool on the Registry's Mobile App: <http://www.lisscr.com/flagstate-mobile-app>.

To verify authenticity of certificates and documents without TID, contact the Liberian Administration at:
Tel: +1 (703) 790-3434 (During normal business hours - ask for **Vessel Certificates**)
Tel: +1 (703) 963-6216 (After Hours Duty Officer) or Email: DutyOfficer@lisscr.com.

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**Authorization on Certificates issued by
NIPPON KAIJI KYOKAI (ClassNK)
on behalf of the Republic of Liberia**

To Whom It May Concern:

Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (hereinafter referred to as "ClassNK"), an Organization Recognized by Liberia, is duly authorized to issue electronic maritime certificates (hereinafter referred to as "e-Certificates") on behalf of the Republic of Liberia. The format and content of e-Certificates are consistent with the models given in SOLAS, MARPOL and other relevant instruments and contain the seals of the Republic of Liberia and digital signature of ClassNK as an issuer for proof of validity. Each e-Certificate has a unique Tracking Identification Number (TID) and Quick Response (QR) Code on the bottom of the form that can be used as a second means of verifying the certificate's authenticity.

The IMO Facilitation Committee approved the circular; FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 - *Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates* at its 40th session in April 2016. The printed versions of e-Certificates issued by ClassNK comply with the provision in section 4 of FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2. As noted in section 7, Port State Control officers and other stakeholders should accept electronic certificates that contain the features identified in section 4.

The following certificates issued by ClassNK are with electronically applied signatures or stamps:

- International Load Line Certificates (ILLC)
- SOLAS Certificates (Safety Construction, Safety Equipment, Safety Radio and Exemption)
- MARPOL Certificates (IOPP, NLS, ISPP, IAPP, EIAPP, IEE)
- Anti-Fouling System Certificates (AFS)
- Ballast Water Management System Certificates (BWMS)
- International Tonnage Certificates (ITC)
- Safety Management Certificates (SMC)
- International Ship Security Certificates (ISSC)
- Maritime Labor Convention Certificates (MLC)
- Other Convention/Code Certificates (GAS, Chemical, DG etc.)

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