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Electronic Certificates and Documents issued by the Republic of Liberia

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that, on October 2, 2006, the Republic of Liberia began issuing electronic certificates and documents which correspond in form to the models given in SOLAS, MARPOL and other relevant conventions. These certificates and documents shall at all times be considered valid, are in accordance with Section 20 of the Maritime Law relating to Chapter 13 of Title 14 of the (Liberian Codes Revised) Electronic Transactions Law and shall be carried on board Liberian registered ships in accordance with applicable regulations. If necessary, authenticity may be confirmed as provided below.*

The electronic certificates and documents issued by Liberia include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Certificates of Registry
- Minimum Safe Manning Certificates
- Radio Licenses
- Continuous Synopsis Records
- International Safety Management Certificates
- International Ship Security Certificates
- Civil Liability Convention Certificates
- Bunker Civil Liability Convention Certificates

The certificates and documents contain the electronic signature, the seal of the Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Maritime Affairs, the Republic of Liberia, and, within the background, the seal of the Republic of Liberia. The electronic signature and seal on certificates and documents shall at all times be considered valid as original. The certificates and documents may be transmitted electronically and are protected from alteration or tampering. The date of issuance and expiration may be typed or hand written at the time of issuance by an authorized Liberian Inspector, Auditor or Special Agent of the Deputy Commissioner. However, electronically dated and transmitted certificates and documents that are printed in color and are on board the vessel should also be considered valid as original.

This letter is to be kept with the vessel's certificates and documents and made available to Port State Control and Class inspectors and auditors.



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* Some 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: 11030 - 85000 - 00014 - 49543**.

Authenticity of documents with TID can be verified using the "Document Verification" section on the home page of the Liberian Registry website: www.lis.cr

Authenticity of certificates and documents without TID may be verified by contacting the Liberian Registry, Vienna, Virginia USA at:

Tel: +1 (703) 790-3434 (During normal business hours - ask for safety or Technical Dept.)

Tel: +1 (703) 963-6216 (After Hours) Email: DutyOfficer@lis.cr