

Information on Certificates and Documents issued by the Republic of Liberia

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To Whom It May Concern:

The IMO has agreed that a certificate may be considered as "original" or "authentic" while containing an "authorized" electronically applied signature or stamp. From October 2, 2006, the Liberian Deputy Commissioner, 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 and other relevant instruments and contain, within the background, the seal of the Republic of Liberia. Each certificate has a unique tracking identification number (TID) on the bottom of the form that can be used as a second means of verifying the certificate's authenticity.* Liberia communicated information on its certificate to the International Maritime Organization (IMO), who in turn circulated it to all Member States under IMO Circular Letter Circular letter No.2953, 18 March 2009.

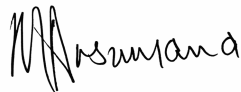
The IMO Facilitation Committee approved the attached circular; FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.1 - *Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates* at its 39th session in September 2014. The printed versions of electronic certificates issued by Liberia comply with the provision in section 4 of FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.1. 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 printed versions of certificates and documents with electronically applied signatures or stamps issued by the Liberian Administration include 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
- 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, Classification Society surveyors and auditors.



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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 the "Vessel Certificate Verification" section on the home page of the Liberian Registry website: www.liscr.com.

To verify authenticity of certificates and documents without TID, contact the Liberian Administration Vienna, Virginia USA at:

Tel: +1 (703) 790-3434 (During normal business hours - ask for **Vessel Certificates**)

Tel: +1 (703) 963-6216 (After Hours)

Email: DutyOfficer@liscr.com