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TOGOLESE MARITIME AUTHORITY
INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY

Date: 07th May 2025

Circular no.: 0070C/TG/05/25

To: Recognized Organizations // Port State Control Authorities // Masters and Seafarers on board Togolese flag vessels // Deputy Registrars // Ship Owners // Managers

Subject: Electronic certificates issued on behalf of Togolese Maritime Administration

References:

a) FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 of 20 April 2016 (Guidelines for the Use of Electronic Certificates)

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Marine Circular is to inform all interested parties, where the present is addressed to, that the Republic of Togo welcome the Guidelines in Reference and accept statutory certificates issued by the Recognized Organizations and (Recognized Security Organizations) for Togo flagged vessels in electronic form.

Guidelines for the Issuance and Control of Electronic Certificates

2. The Recognized Organizations who intend to issue electronic statutory certificates on behalf of the Republic of Togo, should provide simple and clear instructions on the validity and authenticity of each electronic certificate for verification purposes.

3. It is underlined that the present circular does not affect the practice of issuance of the relative certificates in hard copies. And that means both practices remain equally acceptable.

4. Electronic statutory certificates issued by a Recognized Organization acting on behalf of the Republic of Togo should contain the features as stated in FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 of 20 April 2016, and in particular the following:

- Validity and consistency with the format and content required by the relevant International Convention or Instrument, as applicable,
- Protection from edits, modifications or revisions,
- A Unique tracking number used for verification,
- Reliable and secure verifiability through a conveniently accessible and continuously available platform,
- A printable and visible symbol that confirms the source of issuance.

5. Vessels Owners, Managers Operators, Masters and designated crew on board Togo registered vessels, who receive and use electronic certificates are required to ensure that these certificates are controlled through the Safety Management system, as required by the Section to Documentation Control, of the ISM Code.

6. Port State Control Administrations are kindly invited to accept electronic certificates issued by Recognized Organizations on behalf of the Republic of Togo, subject to the conditions of the present marine circular.

7. Should any of the Interested parties need any clarification to the above may Contact the Registrar as follows:

Contact Information:

Registrar for Togo flagged vessels: Mrs. Vera N. Medawar administration@togoregistrar.com, reg1@togoregistrar.com

For the International Ship Registry of Togo

Vera N. Medawar
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For the Togolese Maritime Authority

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DIRECTORATE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS
INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY

To: China Classification Society (CCS) Head Office
Attn: Chen Ting (Ms.)
Email: flag@ccs.org.cn
Subject: Approval for Issuance of Electronic Certificates under IMO FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2

Dear Chen Ting (Ms.),

We acknowledge receipt of your recent communication dated 23.01.2026, along with the accompanying documentation submitted in support of your request to issue electronic statutory certificates on behalf of the International Ships Registry of Togo.

Following our internal evaluation and in accordance with the guidelines outlined in IMO Facilitation Circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2, we hereby grant formal approval to China Classification Society (CCS) to proceed with the issuance of electronic certificates under the authority delegated to your organization as a Recognized Organization (RO) acting on behalf of the Togolese Republic.

This approval confirms your organization's compliance with the relevant FAL provisions, particularly those relating to certificate validity, security, verifiability, and accessibility for stakeholders. We commend your commitment to enhancing statutory services in alignment with the IMO's facilitation goals.

Sincerely,

Beirut on the **28.01.2026,**

Technical Manager
Challita Trad

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