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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  
Deputy Commissioner  
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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](http://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](mailto:DutyOfficer@lisscr.com).

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Subject: Authorization to issue electronic digital statutory certificates

Dear Mr. Rufeng Jin and Ms. Wenjun Li,

The Liberia Administration authorizes China Classification Society (CCS) to issue electronic digital statutory certificates to Liberian flagged vessels. In determining this authorization, the Administration reviewed CCS's process to prepare, issue and endorse electronic certificates and finds that it conforms with the features in the International Maritime Organization Facilitation Committee's circular FAL.5/Circ.39 - Guidelines for the Use of Electronic Certificates. This authorization is contingent on CCS providing users a reliable, secure and continuously available process to confirm the authenticity and validity of electronic certificates to ensure data has not been manipulated or falsified.

This authorization is also provided with the vision of a more efficient means to communicate necessary information with regard to survey and certification of Liberian flag vessels.

Sincerely,

Margaret Ansumana  
Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs  
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