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IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES FOR VESSELS (NMA_C46.2023.Rev.0)

PURPOSE:

To inform all interested parties on the implementation of Electronic Certificates for all Nauru registered vessels with effect of 01 January 2023.

REFERENCE:

- a) Nauru Shipping Circular NMA-C4 – Implementation of Electronic Certificates for Crew Endorsement
- b) IMO circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2

DEFINITIONS:

The following terms and abbreviations stand for:

- “Administration” shall mean the Nauru Maritime Administration
- “PSC” – Port State Control

APPLICATION:

This Shipping Circular applies to all certificates issued by this Administration for Nauru registered vessels.

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The implementation of electronic certificates aims to reduce the administrative burden on other Administrations, PSC officers, seafarers etc, caused by the reliance of traditional paper certificates, thereby minimising delays to the operations of vessels and creating a greener environment.

1. Original hardcopy certificates previously issued by this Administration prior to 01 January 2023 (or in some cases after 01 January 2023) shall remain valid and shall continue to be carried on board until such time they are replaced by electronic certificates.
2. To verify hardcopy certificates, please email copy of the certificate to flag@naurumaritime.com for authentication.
3. To verify the registration status of a Nauru registered vessel, please key in the vessel’s Official Number in our online tool at <https://naurumaritime.com/registrationverification>
4. The Administration has no objection for ROs to implement and issue electronic certificates on behalf of Nauru so long as the certificates issued contain all the features in accordance to IMO Circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2, and there are instructions provided for verifying the validity and authenticity of the electronic certificates.
5. All electronic certificates issued by this Administration or by ROs that comply with IMO Circular

FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 shall be considered as valid in accordance with all applicable international instruments that Nauru is a party to.

6. A copy of this Shipping Circular shall be kept on board to facilitate the acceptance of electronic certificates by other relevant authorities.
7. Verification of Electronic Certificates
 - a) Scanning the Quick Response (QR) Code shall result in a copy of the electronic certificate being displayed on the screen.



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- b) Sending the electronic certificate to flag@naurumaritime.com with an official request for authentication.
8. All electronic certificates issued by this Administration contain all features in accordance to IMO Circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 and may be printed or held digitally on board the vessel.