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IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES FOR CREW ENDORSEMENTS (NMA_C4.2023.Rev.2)

(a) DEFINITIONS

The following terms and abbreviations stand for:

1. "COC" – Certificate of Competency in accordance to STCW
2. "COE" – Certificate of Endorsement (includes Provisional COE)
3. "DCE" – Dangerous Cargo Endorsement (e.g. Advance Oil/Chemical Tanker Certificate)
4. "DMLC" – Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance
5. "GOC" – General Operator Certificate (GMDSS)
6. "IMO" – International Maritime Organization
7. "PSC" – Port State Control
8. "SSO" – Ship Security Officer
9. "STCW" – International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended

"Administration" shall mean the Nauru Maritime Administration

(b) PURPOSE:

To inform all interested parties on the implementation of Electronic Certificates for Crew Endorsements (COE) with effect of **01 January 2023**.

(c) REFERENCE:

1. Nauru Shipping Circular NMA C1-1 – Minimum Safe Manning on Nauru Vessels
2. Nauru Shipping Circular NMA C1-2 – Minimum Safe Manning for Fishing Vessels
3. Nauru Shipping Circular NMA C46 – Implementation of Electronic Certificates for Vessels
4. Nauru Shipping Procedure NMA P6 – Procedures for Certificates of Endorsement (COE)
5. International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended
6. IMO circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 – Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates

(d) APPLICATION:

This Shipping Circular applies to all officers and radio operators issued with COC / DCE / GOC / SSO by other STCW member States serving on board Nauru registered vessels.

(e) CONTENTS:

1. ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES OF ENDORSEMENT

- 1.1. In accordance to STCW Reg I/10, the Administration shall recognise the certificates (i.e. COC / DCE / GOC / SSO etc.) issued by or under the authority of another STCW Party State through the issuance of COE in accordance with STCW Reg I/2 para 5.

- 1.2. With greater acceptance of electronic certificates and documents worldwide, the Administration has fully implemented the use of electronic COEs. This implies that all COEs issued by the Administration from 01 January 2023 shall be in ELECTRONIC format only.
- 1.3. The Electronic COEs issued by the Administration contains all features in accordance to IMO Circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2.
- 1.4. Holders of an electronic COE may print a hard copy or have it maintained in electronic format on board the vessel for presentation, together with their respective certificates issued in accordance to the STCW Convention and Code (i.e. COC / DCE / GOC / SSO etc.), to PSC and relevant authorities upon request.

2. VERIFICATION

- 2.1. Crew Endorsements (without QR Code) - Verification may be done sending the COE(s) to seafarer@naurumaritime.com
- 2.2. Crew Endorsements (with QR Code) - Scanning the Quick Response (QR) Code found on the top-right hand corner of each Electronic COE (refer to sample below):



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- 2.3. Should there be queries or trouble with the above, please contact the Administration at seafarer@naurumaritime.com

A copy of this Shipping Circular shall be placed on board all applicable Nauru registered vessels for presentation to the relevant authorities when required.