



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Use of Electronic Certificates on Board Sri Lankan Ships.

- The Sri Lankan Maritime Administration vide Merchant Shipping Notice No. 01/2018 (copy attached) has authorized the Approved Recognized Organizations (ROs) for the issuance of electronic statutory certificates on their behalf to Sri Lankan flagged vessels.
- Electronic statutory certificates are required to comply with IMO Guidelines as per FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2
- The electronic statutory certificates issued by IRS meets the attached Sri Lankan Notification and shall be deemed valid in accordance with all applicable international instruments that Sri Lanka is a party to.
- In view of above, owners of Sri Lankan flagged vessels, who wish to be issued with electronic statutory certificates are advised to contact IRS.
- IRS will communicate to the flag Administration and a letter on the use of electronic certificates will be issued by the Merchant Shipping Secretariat to the ship. This approval letter is to be placed on board the ship as an additional measure to facilitate acceptance by other port authorities.
- Ship owners/ operators and masters of Sri Lankan flagged vessels are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. Sri Lanka Merchant Shipping Notice No. 01 of 2018, dated 12th September 2018.

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