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OWNERS/MANAGERS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS (DCS),
COMPANY SECURITY OFFICERS (CSOS), MASTERS,
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (ROS), PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES (PSCS)

SUBJET: **INTRODUCTION OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES (E-CERTIFICATES)**

1. Purpose

- 1.1 Pursuant to FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 (Guidelines for the use of Electronic Certificates), with the aim to reduce the administrative burden on Administrations, Port State Control officials, ships' crew and other stakeholders caused by, amongst other reasons, the reliance on traditional paper certificates, The Maritime Administration of The Union of Comoros is delighted to announce that, with effect of **01 January 2025**, it will start to issue Electronic Certificates to all vessels which fly the Comorian Flag.
- 1.2 The electronic certificates issued by The Maritime Administration of The Union of Comoros which the template formats are uploaded on the website, shall be deemed valid in accordance with all applicable Regulations, International Conventions, Codes or Agreements to which the Union of Comoros is or may become a party to.
- 1.3 The Electronic Certificates generated will contain all required features:
 - 1.3.1 Including the emblem,
 - 1.3.2 Quick Response (QR) code,
 - 1.3.3 Digital signature and a unique Controlled Certificate number (e.g. KM-REG-XXYYYY) (shown in Annex 1: Verification of Electronic Certificates),
 - KM – referring to Comoros
 - REG – referring to the type of certificate issued, Other examples will be SSL and SMD
 - XX – referring to the year (e.g. 25 for 2025, 26 for 2026, and so on)
 - YYYY – referring to the unique issuance number for that certificate within the calendar year
- 1.4 Parties seeking to verify the authenticity and validity of the electronic certificates can do so either by contacting The Maritime Administration of The Union of Comoros at verification@comorosmaritime.org or online by using the Quick Response (QR) Code found in each electronic certificate or by visiting the official website (www.comorosmaritime.org) and entering the unique tracking number at the online verification system.



- 1.5 Original hardcopy certificates previously issued by this Administration before 01 January 2019 shall remain valid and shall continue to be carried on board until such time they are replaced by electronic certificates.
- 1.6 The Maritime Administration of The Union of Comoros has no objection for ROs to implement and issue electronic certificates on behalf of Comoros 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.
- 1.7 A copy of this Marine Circular shall be kept on board and made available for inspection to facilitate the acceptance of electronic certificates by other relevant authorities.

2. Contact

Should you require any additional information, you may contact our Technical Department as provided below:

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We take this opportunity to reassure that human life, marine environment and property are always considered as a priority for the Maritime Administration of Comoros which is committed to the safety of the maritime industry and the users around the world.

