



Willemstad, 03 April 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Electronic certificates

The Facilitation Committee, at its fortieth session approved the Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates under number: FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 (dated 20 April 2016).

The Kingdom of the Netherlands has actively participated in the realization of these guidelines and fully acknowledges the importance to bring the Guidelines to the attention of all stakeholders, in particular, those who are involved in the process of issuance, maintenance, verification and enforcement of electronic certificates, such as Recognized Organizations, Port State Control officers, ship owners and crew, agents and vetting companies.

The principle of using electronic certificates is embraced by the Government of the Netherlands that itself is preparing for the issuance of electronic certificates to Netherlands' flagged vessels in the nearby future.

Based on this and according to our agreement with the RO's, Curaçao, part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, has decided to follow the same policy as the Government of the Netherlands.

Curaçao allows any Recognized Organizations, authorized by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, by assignment and formal Agreement (see <http://maritimecuracao.org/services/flag-state/delegation-of-authority/#delegation-of-authority>) to issue electronic certificates on behalf of the Maritime Authority of Curaçao according to the requirements as described in FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2.

These electronic certificates should be accompanied with a formal letter of the ROs validating and explaining any details about the electronic certificates including the verification procedures.

Any official or relevant party should accept the electronic certificates issued on behalf of the country of Curacao under FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2, as if they have been issued by the Government of Curaçao.

This letter may be kept on board and made available for interested Port State Control Authorities, Classification Societies and other relevant parties.

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