



MINISTRY OF
TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND URBAN PLANNING
MARITIME AUTHORITY OF CURAÇAO

To: all local ship managers and representatives

Willemstad, December 8, 2020

Our reference : FIN 6 A 001/2020

Regarding : Pre-payment procedures and collection of outstanding payments

Dear clients,

For years, the Maritime Authority of Curaçao (MAC) allowed the practice to invoice clients with the delivery of statutory documents & certificates. This practice - to avoid further accumulation of outstanding payments, loss of revenue and interest - will be discontinued and replaced by a system where documents & certificates are delivered only after proof of payment. This system will be introduced as of February 1, 2021.

Pre-payment procedure as of this date will be as follows:

MAC will send via e-mail scanned copies of the invoice(s) to be paid by your organization, prior to picking up the actual physical document(s). The pick-up person shall present a bank statement /receipt which duly states that the amount on the invoice(s) is paid. Without mentioned statement, the requested documentation will not be handed over. In order to ensure efficiency, the performance of this procedure will be monitored and evaluated periodically. . MAC is preparing an instruction video for further clarification on the procedures and how to prepare yourself. This video will be send to you before the Christmas recess.

Outstanding payments

MAC is also in the process of collecting outstanding payments as appropriate via the local ship managers and representatives responsible for such payments. With reference to our Certificate of Registration Decision (Zeebrievenbesluit PB 1993/70) art. 2 sub 6 and art. 6 sub 5, local ship representatives are responsible for outstanding payments made during their period of representation of a vessel registered with MAC. We will contact our clients with outstanding payments individually, to make further arrangements with them on this matter.

I trust that you will appreciate the necessity of these decisions to ensure the long-term sustainability of our registry and the maritime administration. Any further questions can be directed to Mr. Oswaldo Windster, Head Registration & Manning (oswaldo.windster@gobiernu.cw) and Ms. Jeanette Zimmerman, Financial Manager (jeanette.zimmerman@gobiernu.cw).

Sincerely,

Jan Sierhuis, director