



# Kiribati Ship Registry

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## MARINE CIRCULAR 37/2017

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**TO : Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Charterers, Ship Master, Recognised Organisation (Classification Societies), Port State Control Authorities and the Shipping Community**

**SUBJECT : Vessel Electronic Certificates Implementation**

### PURPOSE

This Circular is to notify the shipping community on Vessel Electronic Certificates Implementation with effect of 01 October 2020.

### REFERENCES

- (a) IMO Circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2
- (b) Marine Circular 30/2015 – Electronic Crew Certificates of Endorsement

### APPLICATION

This Circular is applicable to all Kiribati vessels.

### CONTENT

The implementation of electronic certificates aims to reduce the administrative burden on other Administrations, PSC officers, seafarers etc. caused by the reliance of traditional paper certificates, thereby minimising delays to the operations of vessels and creating a greener environment.

1. Original hardcopy certificates previously issued by this Administration prior to 01 October 2020 (or in some cases after 01 October 2020) shall remain valid and shall continue to be carried on board until such time they are replaced by electronic certificates.
2. To verify individual original hardcopy certificates, please email a copy of the certificate to [ops@kiribaship.com](mailto:ops@kiribaship.com) to request for authentication.
3. To verify the registration status of Kiribati-flagged vessels, please key in the vessel's Official Number in the online verification system at <https://kiribaship.com/verifyreg>
4. The Administration has no objection for ROs to implement and issue electronic certificates on behalf of Kiribati 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.
5. All electronic certificates issued by this Administration or by ROs that comply with IMO Circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 shall be considered as valid in accordance with all applicable international instruments that Kiribati is a party to.
6. A copy of this Marine Circular shall be kept on board to facilitate the acceptance of electronic certificates by other relevant authorities.

7. Methods for verification of Electronic Certificates

7.1. Entering the unique certificate number found at the online verification system at <https://kiribaship.com/verify> shall result in a copy of the electronic certificate being displayed on the screen if authenticated.

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*KIRIBATI SHIP REGISTRY*  
*CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY*

*Issued Under the Provision of Merchant Shipping  
(Amendment) Act 2006*



7.2. Scanning the Quick Response (QR) Code shall result in a copy of the electronic certificate being displayed on the screen if authenticated.

8. All electronic certificates issued by this Administration contains all features in accordance to IMO Circular FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 and may be printed or held digitally on board the vessel.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Registrar  
Kiribati Ship Registry