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To,  
OWNERS/MANAGERS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS (DCS), SEAFARERS,  
PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (ROS)

SUBJET: **VALIDITY OF COLOR COPIES OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS ON-BOARD VESSELS FLYING THE FLAG OF COMOROS**

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Circular is to inform all parties concerned about the policy of this Administration regarding the policy on the validity of color copies of original documents as mentioned in sections 3 and 4 of this Circular for the vessels flying the Flag of Comoros.

### 2. Application

- 2.1. This Circular applies to all Comorians vessels trading internationally with immediate effect.

### 3. Policy

- 3.1. Copies of the documents mentioned in section 4 will be considered as valid and will be accepted on-board all Comorian flagged vessels for a period of not more than 30 calendar days after their issuance. The copies of these documents will also be considered as evidence that an application has been made and is being processed until the original documents are received on-board.

### 4. Documents to which Circular applies

- 4.1. Each The Documents to which this circular applies are the following:

4.1.1. **Certificates related to vessels (Provisional/Permanent)**

- Registration Certificate
- Ship's Radio Station License
- Minimum Safe Manning
- Continuous Synopsis Record



- Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security in Respect of Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage
- Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security in Respect of Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage
- Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security in Respect of Liability for the Removal of Wrecks
- International Tonnage Certificate '69
- Ballast Water Management Statement of Compliance
- Exemption Certificates
- Attestation Letters

#### 4.1.2. Certificates related to Seafarers (Provisional/Permanent)

- Permissions issued under the STCW, as amended
- Endorsements attesting the recognition of a Certificate under STCW, as amended
- Attestation letters
- Dispensation letters
- Exemption Certificates

#### 5. 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.

  
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