

## INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 269

### **Acceptance of Electronic Certificates**

**Application: ROs, ship-owners, operators, inspectors, masters and officers of merchant ships**

IMO recently adopted the revised “Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates” (FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2), setting out the necessary features, and recommending stakeholders to accept such certificates. Barbados accepts certificates that comply with the guide-lines, we encourage their use and acceptance as part of the initiative to reduce the administrative burden in the industry.

Please note, if they so wish ships may carry both electronically signed certificates and paper certificates.

We have recently accepted a request from DNV-GL for the use of electronic signed certificates and anticipate other ROs may also issue electronic signed certificates in accordance with the guidelines.

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