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**Subject: Issuance of Luxembourg electronic Bunker Liability Certificates (BLC) – FAL/Circ.39/Rev.2**

**To: All Accredited Shipping Managers, ship owners, ship operators, crew managers, Masters and seafarers, DPA's, CSO's, SSO's, RO's, RSO's, Flag State Inspectors and Port State Control officials**

**I. Electronic BLC certificates issued for Luxembourg flagged ships**

The Luxembourg Maritime Administration (CAM) hereby informs all concerned parties (shipowners and managing companies, Port State Control officials, ships' crews and all other stakeholders) on the issuance of electronic Bunker Liability Certificates (BLC) on board Luxembourg flagged ships.

Original hardcopy BLC certificates issued by CAM remain valid and must be carried on board until electronic certificates are available, or until validity of hardcopies is expired.

**II. Validation and authentication**

All electronic certificates issued by CAM are in conformity to FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates and shall be deemed valid in accordance with all applicable international instruments that Luxembourg is a party to.

In order to check validity and authenticity of the Luxembourg electronic BLC certificates, all BLC certificates show a unique tracking number (UTN) as well as a QR Code, and can be verified in either of the following ways:

**II.1. QR Code**

To verify the electronic certificate, scan the QR Code located at the bottom of the electronic certificate with any internet connected device with a camera and a QR Code reader installed. The QR Code contains a URL which links to the Luxembourg National Authentication Platform <https://certificates.maritime.lu>.

The National Authentication Platform will show a validation page of the concerned BLC certificate. This validation page contains limited information about the validity and authenticity of the certificate. If more detailed information is required, check the certificate, which is accessible by clicking on the "Download certificate" button on the validation page.

## II.2 Direct link in the electronic certificate

Each electronic BLC certificate issued by CAM is provided with an embedded hyperlink to above mentioned validation page of the National Authentication Platform, in the text on the bottom left of the electronic certificate.

## III. Document Management

Companies or any other organization or person such as the manager, or the bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for operation of the ship, that carry and use electronic certificates, must ensure that the valid certificates can be presented on board whenever requested for. The management of these certificates must be controlled through the Safety Management System, as described in section 11 of the International Safety Management Code. For vessels which are not subject to the requirements of the ISM Code, the same principles of a controlled document system must be applied for the use of electronic certificates.

Notwithstanding the compliance to the requirements of the Luxembourg Maritime Administration, shipowners of Luxembourg flagged ships should continue to exercise due diligence to address any entry and clearance requirements that are specific to each port that the ship calls at.

CAM urges all concerned parties to accept these electronic certificates as genuine and on the same level as paper certificates.

## IV. Contact

In order to verify abovementioned procedure for checking validity and authentication, this administration may be contacted at:

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