



# Maritime Circular No. 3

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**To:**

Shipowners, Managers, Operators, Company Security Officers (CSO), Registration Officers, Recognised Organisations, Flag State Inspectors (FSI), All other Parties Concerned

**Subject:**

IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES

**Date:**

27 April 2026

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We are pleased to inform that Ji Tai Maritime Classification will commence the issuance of electronic certificates (e-certificates) for statutory and class-related documentation in accordance with the IMO guidelines for the use of electronic certificates FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 with effect from 01 May 2026.

All electronic certificates will incorporate appropriate security features, including:

- Unique tracking/reference numbers
- Digital signatures or equivalent authentication methods
- Online verification via <http://ecert.jtmclass.com>

Owners and operators are advised to:

- Ensure that electronic certificates are readily accessible onboard (eg. via computer, tablet or printed copy if preferred)
- Maintain the ability to present certificates to attending authorities upon request
- Verify that onboard personnel are familiar with accessing and presenting such documents



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Electronic certificates issued by Ji Tai Maritime Classification shall be considered equivalent to original paper certificates and are valid without the need for hard copy originals onboard. The documents comply with IMO guidelines and are intended to be accepted by Port State Control (PSC), Flag Administrations and other relevant authorities.

Upon request, Ji Tai Maritime Classification may continue to issue paper certificates where specifically required by Flag Administrations or other authorities.

We trust that this initiative will enhance efficiency, reduce administrative burden and support the industry's transition towards digitalisation.

Should you require any clarification regarding the implementation or verification of electronic certificates, please do not hesitate to contact us at [admin@jtmaritime.com](mailto:admin@jtmaritime.com)