

Officer Endorsements and CRAs will now be issued with a QR code, which can be scanned to verify the authenticity of the document. The aim is to reduce the administrative burden on Administrations, Port State control officials, ships' crews and other stakeholders in the industry.

In the past, ships have experienced instances of Port State Control actions because a paper certificate, which had been issued, did not arrive on the ship or the paper certificate was damaged or lost.

IMO "Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates" (FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2), sets out the necessary features, and recommends stakeholders to accept such certificates.