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**REPORTS ON UNLAWFUL PRACTICES ASSOCIATED WITH CERTIFICATES
OF COMPETENCY**

Reports on fraudulent certificates

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides information on reports received by the Secretariat on fraudulent certificates detected

Strategic direction, if applicable: OW

Output: 14

Action to be taken: Paragraph 2

Related documents: STW 33/17; STW 36/4/1; STW 38/4, STW 38/17; STW 39/4, STW 39/12; STW 41/4; STW 42/4; STW 43/4; STW 44/4; HTW 1/4; HTW 2/4; HTW3/4; HTW 4/4 and HTW 5/INF.7

Introduction

1 A summary of reports on fraudulent certificates received by the Secretariat for the years 2017 and 2018 is set out in the annex.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

2 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided in the annex.

ANNEX

SUMMARY OF REPORTS RECEIVED ON FRAUDULENT CERTIFICATES

Date	Flag of ship	Document claimed to be issued by	Type of document found to be fraudulent	Type of fraud	Where and when reported/ detected	Method of detection	Action taken	Comments
19/01/2018	Togo	Maritime Cook Islands Authority	Certificate of Competency	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 19/01/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
19/01/2018	Togo	New Zealand Maritime Authority (Navra Training Institute)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 19/01/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
19/01/2018	Togo	Thailand Maritime Authority (International Seafarers Institute)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 19/01/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
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19/01/2018	Togo	Immarbe (Belize) (Navigators NManagements S.A)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 19/01/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
29/01/2018	Lebanon	Immarbe (Belize) (Navigators NManagements S.A)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/01/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	

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29/01/2018	Lebanon	Immarbe (Belize) (Navigators NManagements S.A	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/01/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
02/02/2018	Union Of Comoros	Immarbe (Belize) (International Seafarers Institute)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 02/02/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
02/02/2018	Union Of Comoros	Immarbe (Belize) (International Seafarers Institute)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 02/02/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
02/02/2018	Union Of Comoros	Panama Maritime Authority (Panama Maritime Training Centre Sa)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 02/02/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
02/02/2018	Union Of Comoros	Panama Maritime Authority (Panama Maritime Training Centre Sa)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 02/02/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
02/02/2018	Union Of Comoros	Panama Maritime Authority (Panama Maritime Training Centre Sa)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 02/02/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
29/03/2018	Union Of Comoros	Thailand Maritime Authority (International Seafarers Institute)	Certificate of proficiency (training courses)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/03/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	

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29/03/2018	Union Of Comoros	Thailand Maritime Authority (International Seafarers Institute) Panama Maritime Authority (Panama Maritime Training Centre Sa)	Certificate of proficiency (training courses)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/03/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
29/03/2018	Union Of Comoros	Thailand Maritime Authority (International Seafarers Institute) Panama (Qvalitas International Training Centre)	Certificate of proficiency (training courses)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/03/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
29/03/2018	Union Of Comoros	Panama Maritime Authority (Panama Maritime Training Centre Sa)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/03/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
29/03/2018	Union Of Comoros	Thailand Maritime Authority (International Seafarers Institute) Panama Maritime Authority (Panama Maritime Training Centre Sa)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/03/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
29/03/2018	Union Of Comoros	Panama Maritime Authority (Panama Maritime Training Centre Sa)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/03/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
29/03/2018	Union Of Comoros	Panama Maritime Authority (Panama Maritime Training Centre Sa) Panama (Qvalitas International Training Centre)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/03/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	

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29/03/2018	Union Of Comoros	Panama Maritime Authority (Panama Maritime Training Centre Sa)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/03/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
29/03/2018	Union Of Comoros	New Zeland Maritime Authority (Navra Training Institute)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/03/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
29/03/2018	Union Of Comoros	Panama Maritime Authority (Panama Maritime Training Centre Sa) and (Qvalitas International Group)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Poti Port State Control Service 29/03/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
19/04/2018	Palau	Panama maritime authority (panama maritime training center Sa)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Batumi port state control service 19/04/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
19/04/2018	Palau	Immarbe (Belize) (Navigators NManagements S.A)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Batumi port state control service 19/04/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
19/04/2018	Palau	Panama Maritime Authority (Panama Maritime Training Centre Sa)	Certificate of Proficiency (rating)	Counterfeit	Georgia, Batumi port state control service 19/04/2018	Document inspection via verification	Vessel was detained; certificates were withdrawn	
03/01/2018	N/A	Honduras	Certificate of Competency	Fake document	03/01/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	We received an email from personal account	Report to IMO	The CoC No.FA-021031M with the rank Chief Engineer of Mr. Ahmed Halabi nationality Syrian was detected as fake.

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26/01/2018	Tanzania	Honduras	GMDSS Certificate	Fake document	02/02/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	In the process of verification of authenticity of the GMDSS Certificate and on March 14 th 2018 we received an email of the Hellenic Coast Guard requesting the authenticity of GMDSS Certificate.	GMDSS license was not issued	The documents were submitted by Legal Representatives (Ada Mejja) and she was informed through a Resolution that the application of Mr. Ahmad Naser with nationality Syrian was rejected.
21/06/2018	N/A	Honduras	Certificate of Competency	Fake document	26/06/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	The Palau International Ship Registry requested the authenticity and we inform that the COC No. SY-2317-M it is fake and that belong to another person	We have not receive an application from Mr. Sujeet Kumar	Mr. Sujeet Kumar is part of our violators list.
25/06/2018	N/A	Honduras	Certificate of Competency	Fake document	26/06/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	The Malaysia Marine Authority requested the authenticity and we inform that the COC had been modified from Third Engineer to First Engineer with a COC No. AN-5414-M	Report to IMO	The CoC of Mr. Azhaghu Muthu Narasinga Perumal with nationality Indian has been reported in our violators list.
14/11/2018	N/A	Honduras	Certificate of Competency	Fake document	14/02/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	The Maritime Authority of St. Vincent and the Grenadines requested a verification of authenticity since in our website was showing other information and we inform that the COC with rank "Chief Mate Only" was fake	Report to IMO	The valid COC of Mr. Karlson Mark Faucett nationality Guyanese is No.KF-738-DR and with rank Able Seafarer.

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11/12/2018	N/A	Honduras	Certificate of Competency	Fake document	17/12/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	Marine Services Co. LTD from Saudi Arabia Kingdom requested a verification of authenticity and we inform that the COC No.AA-6598-S was fake	We have not receive an application from Ashfak Akbar Asang	Ashfak Akbar Asang is part of our violators list.
17/12/2018	N/A	Honduras	Certificate of Competency	Fake document	17/12/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	Nostra Shipping Services requested a verification of authenticity and we inform that the COC No.FM-2497-M belong to Mr. Francisc Miko and that the COC of Ship Security Officer is fake.	We have not receive an application from Mahmut Azazi	Mahmut Azazi is part of our violators list.
21/12/2018	Panama	Honduras	Certificate of Competency	Fake document	22/01/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	In the verification process we contact Panama Maritime Authority were they inform us about the fake documents	COC license was not issued	The documents were submitted by Legal Representative (Ada Mejia) and she was informed through a Resolution that the application of Mr. Manoj Kumar Pandey with nationality Indian was rejected.
17/05/2018	Cook Islands	Syria	Sea service letters and seaman book	Inconsistency in the sea service letter and discharges	29/05/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	In the comparison with the seaman book No.001-16-0028649 and sea service letter issued by M/V Esperanza it details discharges on the same dates with different rank and ship as the once in a previous application	License and seaman book was not issued	The documents were submitted by Legal Representative (Ada Mejia) and she was informed through a Resolution that the application of Mr. Mohammad Raihan with nationality Syrian was rejected.

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8/06/2018	Togo	India	Seaman book	Inconsistency in the discharges	12/06/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	In the comparison with a previous application presented on March 30 th , 2016, of Indian seaman book No.214259	License and seaman book was not issued	The documents were submitted by Legal Representative (Ada Mejia) and she was informed through a Resolution that the application of Mr. Sajesh Morammal with nationality Indian was rejected.
30/10/2018	Comoros	Belize	Seaman book	Inconsistency in the discharges	31/10/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	In the comparison with a previous application presented on May 14 th , 2018, of a Belizean seaman book No.25358	License and seaman book was not issued	The documents were submitted by three Legal Representative (Ada Mejia, Johana Barrientos and Sergio Sanchez) and they were informed through a Resolution that the application of Mr. Tomy Kurishuparambil Xavier with nationality Indian was rejected.
16/11/2018	India	St Vincent and the Grenadines	Seaman book	Inconsistency in the discharges	26/11/2018 Maritime Authority of Honduras	In the comparison with a previous application presented on June 27 th , 2018, of St. Vincent and Grenadines seaman book No.G14A7616	License and seaman book was not issued	The documents were submitted by Legal Representative (Abg. Ada Mejia) and she was informed through a Resolution that the application of Mr. Julio Hermann Kich with nationality Camerronian was rejected.
12/02/2018	N/A	Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport Ireland	Master certificate of competency	Forged certificate Format of genuine certificates used to create a fraudulent certificate	Mercantile Marine Office Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport Ireland on 22/01/2018	Examination of scanned copy of certificate	Reported to Irish Police on 12/02/2018 Report sent to IMO on 12/02/2018	A fraudulent website was also set up to provide a valid online verification for this certificate
12/02/2018	N/A	Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport Ireland	GMDSS GOC Certificate of Competency	Forged certificate Incorrect certificate format	Mercantile Marine Office Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport Ireland on 22/01/2018	Examination of scanned copy of certificate	Reported to Irish Police on 12/02/2018 Report sent to IMO on 12/02/2018	A fraudulent website was also set up to provide a valid online verification for this certificate

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11/01/2017	Panama	India	Certificate of Proficiency Liquefied Gas tanker Familiarization	Fake Certificate	Email dated 22/12/2016 from India	Checked the validity by email	Not allow to join any Panamanian flag / penalty fee/ included in our offender list	Certificate No. BPMA/GTFC/3963/2016 Resolution No.DGGM-INF-058-2017
23/01/2017	Panama	Bangladesh	Certificate of Proficiency Elementary First Aid, Fire Prevention & Fire Fighting, Personal Survival Techniques, Personal Safety Responsibilities	Fake Certificate	Email dated 14/03/2017 from Bangladesh	Checked the validity by email	Not allow to join any Panamanian flag / penalty fee/ included in our offender list	Certificate No.BDSTSDSD-4352, Resolution No. DGGM-INF-053-2017
11/04/2017	Panama	Panama	Certificate of Competence as Chief Engineer	Fake mocked template use to give the appearance of Endorsement of Tittle Certificate	Panama Maritime Authority, Certification Department 11/04/2017	Examination of scanned copy of Certificate	Not allow to join any Panamanian flag / penalty fee/ included in our offender list	Certificate No.22CG401757 Resolution DGGM-INF-051-2017
10/01/2017	Panama	Bangladesh	Recognition of a Certificate of Competence	Fake Certificates	Email dated 02/03/2016 from Bangladesh	Checked the validity by email	Not allow to join any Panamanian flag / penalty fee/ included in our offender list	Certificate No. CoC/BD21232, Resolution No. DGGM-INF-064-2017
03/06/2017	Panama	Bangladesh	Recognition of Certificate of Competence as Chief Engineer	Fake Certificate	Email dated 24/07/2016 from Bangladesh	Checked Validity by Email	Not allow to join any Panamanian flag / penalty fee/ included in our offender list	Certificate No. CoC/BD2008545 Resolution No.DGGM-INF-111-2017
11/05/2017	Panama	Panama	Certificate of Competence as Chief Engineer	Fake mocked template use to give the appearance of Chief Engineer Tittle.	Panama Maritime Authority, Certification Department 11/05/2017	Examination of scanned copy of Certificate	Not allow to join any Panamanian flag / penalty fee/ included in our offender list	Certificate No.21CG009164 Resolution DGGM-INF-113-2017
11/05/2017	Panama	Panama	Certificate of Competence as Chief Engineer	Fake mocked template use to give the appearance of Chief Engineer Tittle	Panama Maritime Authority, Certification Department 11/05/2017	Examination of scanned copy of Certificate	Not allow to join any Panamanian flag / penalty fee/ included in our offender list	Certificate No.21CG000953 Resolution DGGM-INF-112-2017

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11/05/2017	Panama	Universidad Maritima Internacional de Panama On Behalf Of Panama	Certificate of Competence as Second Officer	Fake Certificate	Letter dated 22/05/2017 from Panama	Checked Validity by Letter	Not allow to join any Panamanian flag / penalty fee/ included in our offender list / report to the UMIP	Certificate No. 0096, Resolution DGGM-INF-107-2017
11/05/2017	Panama	Seafarers Training Center On Behalf Of Panama	Certificate of Proficiency in Rating Forming Part of Navigational Watch	Fake Certificate	Email dated 03/06/2016 from Panama	Checked Validity by email	Not allow to join any Panamanian flag / penalty fee/ included in our offender list / report to the UMIP	Certificate No. RFPERW-01784-2016, Resolution DGGM-INF-107-2017
03/03/2017	Panama	Panama	Certificate of Competence as Second Engineer	Fake mocked template use to give the appearance of Second Engineer Tittle	Panama Maritime Authority, Certification Department 03/03/2017	Examination of scanned copy of Certificate	Not allow to join any Panamanian flag / penalty fee/ included in our offender list	Certificate No.23CG000420 Resolution DGGM-INF-106-2017
19/01/2018	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Ghana	Second Engineer	Counterfeit	Geneva 22/01/2018	Check the authenticity with issuing authority	Banned from SVG system/disciplinary measure engaged	Fraud detected at applic/for initial assessment by SVG administration
19/02/2018	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Ukraine	Chief Engineer	Counterfeit	Geneva 20/02/2018	Check the authenticity with issuing authority	Banned from SVG system/disciplinary measure engaged	Fraud detected at applic/for initial assessment by SVG administration
19/01/2018	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Ghana	GMDSS	Counterfeit	Geneva 12/03/2018	Check the authenticity with issuing authority	Banned from SVG system/disciplinary measure engaged	Fraud detected at applic/for initial assessment by SVG administration
20/04/2018	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Mexico	GMDSS	Counterfeit	Geneva 23/04/2018	Check the authenticity with issuing authority	Banned from SVG system/disciplinary measure engaged	Fraud detected at applic/for initial assessment by SVG administration
19/07/2018	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Cameroon	Master	Counterfeit	Geneva 19/07/2018	Check the authenticity with issuing authority	Banned from SVG system/disciplinary measure engaged	Fraud detected at applic/for initial assessment by SVG administration