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Liberia introduces QR Codes and other Electronic Certificate Security Features

Liberia continues to deploy significant improvements to its state-of-the-art web-based client interface system, WayPoint, by enhancing certificate security features, introducing a QR Code symbol for electronic certificates and streamlining the procedure for document verification.

WayPoint was launched in late-2016 to provide the owners and operators of Liberian-flag ships with secure, real-time, user-friendly access to their fleet details, as well as to facilitate International Convention certification applications. It was upgraded last year to include a number of major improvements designed to help owners and operators to manage their fleet-wide regulatory compliance issues more efficiently.

Beginning 7 August, Liberia will start including QR Codes to enhance the document verification process. This means that Port State Control and other interested parties can quickly scan the QR matrix barcode via their mobile phones, whereafter they will be directed to the verification page. The QR code and the Registry's tracking identification (TID) number will also be clickable if viewed on a computer and be directed to the verification page, where a verification copy of the document can be viewed and downloaded. In addition to these public facing features, a variety of embedded security features are also being deployed to enhance the electronic integrity of Liberia's electronic certificates.

Scott Bergeron, CEO of the Liberian International Ship & Corporate Registry (LISCR), the US-based manager of the Liberian Registry, says, "Liberia was the first flag state to make widespread use of electronic certificates in 2009. We are very happy to see other flags and recognized organizations follow our lead with their own electronic certifications. As technology evolves, so does the need to ensure that security and verification features are robust enough to meet cyber challenges. With this latest update, Liberia has further strengthened its reputation as the world's most technologically advanced and sophisticated ship register, taking the pain and expense of document verification away from owners and operators and freeing up their time to concentrate on making their vessels safer and more profitable."

- WayPoint is accessible to clients through <https://waypoint.lisr.com>. Clients of the registry may apply for user access via the WayPoint homepage.

- The Liberian Registry is the world's most technologically advanced maritime administration. It has a long-established track record of combining the highest standards of safety for vessels and crews with the highest levels of responsive and innovative service to owners. Moreover, it has a well-deserved reputation for supporting international legislation designed to maintain and improve the safety and

effectiveness of the shipping industry and protection of the marine environment.
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