

MCI Circular 314/2025

To: Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Agents, Approved Maritime Training Institutions, and other Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Fraudulent Seafarer Certification – Sint Maarten

Date: 28 March 2025

Summary:

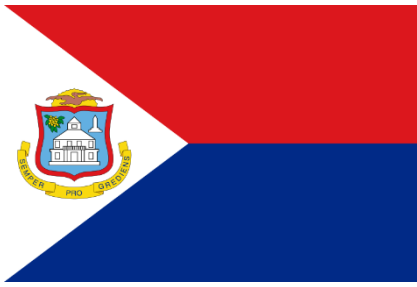
Maritime Cook Islands draws your attention to the official Statement of the Government of Sint Maarten regarding the subject of fraudulent seafarer certificates (see attached below):

The Government of Sint Maarten have advised that:

- i) The Government of Sint Maarten does not issue any Certificate of Competence, Seaman's book, ships certificates or relevant documents associated with Flag State affairs; and
- ii) The Government of Sint Maarten has not mandated seafarer training and certification activities to any third party; and
- iii) The Government of Sint Maarten has not given authorization to any recognized organization or persons to work on their behalf.

The Cook Islands will not accept seafarer training and certification documentation issued by Sint Maarten for Cook Islands endorsement or in support of application for Cook Islands certification. Any applications submitted with these certificates will be rejected.

If you have any questions, please contact our Seafarer Training & Certification Department at seafarers@maritimecookislands.com



Statement to whom it may concern

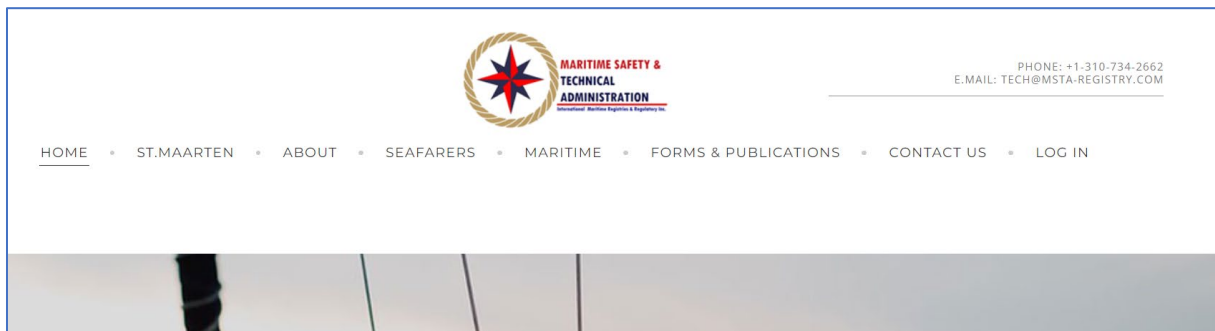
Subject: fraudulent certificates

Philipsburg, Sint Maarten
10 April 2024

Sint Maarten is an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and does not have an international flag registry. Only the Netherlands and Curaçao run an international flag registry within the Kingdom.

The government of Sint Maarten does not issue any Certificate of Competence, Seaman's book, ships certificates or relevant documents associated with flag State affairs and has not mandated these activities to any third party, nor did Sint Maarten give any authorization to any recognized organization or persons to work on their behalf.

At this time, Sint Maarten is aware of certain websites imposing to be issuing formal Sint Maarten flag State certificates:



<http://www.msta-registry.com/>

and

<https://ims-registry.org/vessel-registration/>

These websites are fake websites and issue fraudulent Sint Maarten certificates. Many individuals have invested in certificates via these websites and Sint Maarten has continuously received many inquiries regarding the validity of these documents. Individuals who have invested have lost their money.

For further inquiries, please contact Sint Maarten Maritime Administration: maritimesxm@sintmaartengov.org