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**Subject:** New way to check the validity of Canadian marine electronic documents

## *Purpose*

This bulletin is to let you know about a new online way to check the validity of Canadian marine documents issued electronically by Transport Canada.

## *Scope*

This bulletin applies to Canadian marine stakeholders and Foreign Flag State partners.

## *Background*

On April 20, 2016, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) recommended that maritime organizations create a way to check the validity of certificates that are issued electronically.

This recommendation comes from [FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2](#).

## *What you need to know*

There's a new online tool to check the validity of Canadian marine documents that have been issued electronically! Check a Canadian marine document using the [Marine Electronic Document Validation](#) (MEDV) tool.

### Keywords:

1. Flag State Inspection Standards
2. Canadian Marine Electronic Documents
3. Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates

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Electronic documents will include this stamp:



You can access the MEDV tool using the link above (<https://medv-vdem.tc.gc.ca>), or by scanning the QR code on the stamp.

To check the validity of a document:

1. Use the drop-down menu to decide what to “**Search by**”:
  - a. Official number; or
  - b. IMO number; or
  - c. Unique Document Number (UDN).
2. Type the applicable number into the “**Search criteria**” field, and press the button with the magnifying glass

### *Questions?*

If you have any questions, please email Flag State Inspection Standards: [insp.stand-norm.insp@tc.gc.ca](mailto:insp.stand-norm.insp@tc.gc.ca).