

**Circular 143 / 2016**

**To:** Seafarers, Masters, Crewing Agents, Managers, and Owners

**Subject:** Fraudulent Micronesia International Ship Registry

**Date:** 06 February 2016

**Summary**

Maritime Cook Islands has contacted the government of the Federated States of Micronesia regarding the validity of FSM Seafarer certificates of competency and the registration certificates of ships. The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia has advised –

***“FSM does not have a ship registry. FSM does not issue seafarer certificates. The matter is currently under investigation by our Justice Department as we have received similar inquiries from other countries asking for the same. It is unfortunate some individuals are using our name and flag for their bogus business without the authorization of the FSM Government.”***

As a result of this advice the Cook Islands will not endorse any seafarer certificate of competency that purports to have been issued by FSM. Cook Islands will not issue Nairobi Wreck Removal Convention certificates or Bunkers Convention certificates to ships purporting to fly the flag of FSM.

Seafarers or ship owners or managers who have FSM certificates should contact the Government of Federated States of Micronesia, Ministry of Justice, **Mr. Joses R Gallen** at [jrg.fsm@gmail.com](mailto:jrg.fsm@gmail.com)

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