

# **MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 12 OF 2001**

(Miscellaneous Information)

## **Verification of Local Certificate of Competency**

1. Shipowners and ship managers of local vessels are advised that the Marine Department has recently provided a checking facility at its web site on the Internet for concerned parties to verify the authenticity of the local certificates of competency issued by the Department.
2. In order to check the authenticity of a local certificate of competency, the concerned party can click into the " Seafarers' Certification Information Verification Service " section of the Marine Department's web site at " <http://www.info.gov.hk/mardep> " and enter the name and the certificate number of the certificate for verification. The Department's verification system will check whether the input information matches with the database for certificates. If the input information matches with the data in the database, a confirmation message will be displayed on the screen.
3. If the system cannot find any data from the database to match with the input information, then the concerned party is required to contact the Seafarers' Certification Section for further verification. There are various situations which will lead to an unsuccessful data matching such as the certificate holder has not revalidated his certificate after 65 years old, the certificate was declared lost or the certificate is invalid, etc..

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