

CERTIFICATES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE CARRIED ONBOARD FOREIGN GOING CARGO SHIPS

The following certification is required on a foreign-going South African cargo ship:

CERTIFICATES and DOCUMENTS	PERIODS Of VALIDITY
Ship Registration Certificate (CoR)	5 years unless the ship is lost, sold or scrapped, or until her GT/NT and/or her description changes.
International Tonnage Certificate (ITC)	Until GT/NT changes.
Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate (CS: SCC)	5 years with intermediate survey at 2 or 3 years and annual surveys and also 2 surveys of the ship's outer bottom NMT 36 months apart
Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (CS: SEC)	2 years with intermediate annual inspection.
Life Raft Survey Certificates Ship's Record of Equipment: TV5 – 327A	1 year Until LSE changes
Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate (CS: SRC)	1 year.
Copy of Document of Compliance (DoC)	5 years with annual verification.
Safety Management Certificate (SMC) Safety Management System Manual (SMS)	5 years with verification between 2 and 3 years
International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) Ship Security Audit (SSA) – report only Ship Security Plan (SSP) Declaration of Security Record Book (DoS) Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)	5 years with verification between 2 and 3 years
Maritime Labour Certificate (MLC) Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Consolidated Maritime Labour Convention Complaint Procedures re ILO-CMLC matters	5 years with annual endorsements
International Load Line Certificate (ILLC)	5 years with annual inspections

Ship Station License (SSL)	1 year
Safe Manning Document (SMD)	2 years with intermediate annual inspection
Certificates of Competency (CoC)	5 years then revalidation
International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate (IOPPC; ISPPC; IAPPC) Oil Record Book (ORB) Garbage Management Plan (GMP) Garbage Record Book (GRB) Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP)	5 years with intermediate survey at 2 nd or 3 rd year and annual surveys.
Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate (SSCEC)	6 months – No evidence of a public health risk found (may be extended by 1 month)
Ship Sanitation Control Certificate (SSCC)	6 months – Evidence of a public health risk is found and the necessary control measures are completed (may be extended by 1 month)
Maritime Declaration of Health Certificate of Pratique International Certificates of Vaccination	Upon arrival in port Issued to ship if no infectious disease on board Varying duration
Intact Stability Booklet	Until the ship is altered in a manner that affects its basic stability data
Cargo Securing Manual	Until the ship's securing arrangements are modified
Document of Compliance – DG (DoC – DG)	Until the ship is unfit to carry dangerous goods.
Document of Authorisation – Grain in Bulk (DoA – Grain) Grain Loading Manual	Until the ship is unfit to carry grains in bulk
Record of Equipment (Ship's Cargo Handling Machinery & Gear)	Annealing – 6 months Inspections – 1 year, Full inspections – 4 years

Compass Certificate Compass Deviation Card	Until alterations are made to the ship or the compass deviations are excessive
Certificate of Insurance or other Financial Security in respect of Liability for the Removal of Wrecks	Until the underlying Insurance Policy or other Financial Security expires
Lloyds – Certificate of Class Lloyds – Machinery Certificate Lloyds – Continuous Survey – Machinery	Until class is withdrawn or material changes have been made to the vessel.
Anchors and Chain Cables Certificate	Cables ranged – 2 years Cables rotated – 4 years
Suez Canal Tonnage Certificate Panama Canal Tonnage Certificate	From the initial survey and tonnage evaluation of the ship by the relevant Canal Authority until any change is made to the structure of the ship in a manner that affects the canal GT/NT

The above list is not exhaustive but it does show the *major* certificates required by statute, or otherwise, that are likely to be found on board a South African registered cargo ship other than a tanker.