

- (3) A Certificate so issued shall contain a statement that it has been issued at the request of the Administration referred to in paragraph (1) and it shall have the same force and receive the same recognition as a Certificate issued by the Administration.
- (4) No Certificate shall be issued to a ship which is entitled to fly the flag of a State which is not a Party.

REGULATION 4

Validity of an International Anti-fouling System Certificate

- (1) A Certificate issued under regulation 2 or 3 shall cease to be valid in either of the following cases:
 - (a) if the anti-fouling system is changed or replaced and the Certificate is not endorsed in accordance with this Convention; and
 - (b) upon transfer of the ship to the flag of another State. A new Certificate shall only be issued when the Party issuing the new Certificate is fully satisfied that the ship is in compliance with this Convention. In the case of a transfer between Parties, if requested within three months after the transfer has taken place, the Party whose flag the ship was formerly entitled to fly shall, as soon as possible, transmit to the Administration a copy of the Certificates carried by the ship before the transfer and, if available, a copy of the relevant survey reports.
- (2) The issue by a Party of a new Certificate to a ship transferred from another Party may be based on a new survey or on a valid Certificate issued by the previous Party whose flag the ship was entitled to fly.