

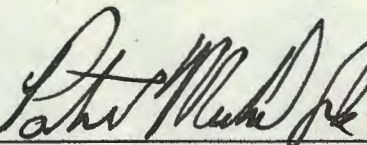
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**Applicable to: This FLEET SAFETY LETTER should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators, Masters of Vanuatu-registered ships and Recognized Organizations.**

**Re: Electronic Record/Logbooks;**

**Many vessels are starting to use electronic record books. VMSL has no objections under the following conditions:**

- 1. The following record/logbooks can be kept as in the electronic format:**
  - a. Oil Record Book
  - b. Garbage Record Book
  - c. Noxious Liquid Cargo Logbook
  - d. Water Ballast Logbook
- 2. The electronic record program must be one that is approved by the vessel's Recognized Organization (RO), IMO or other approved Authority.**
- 3. The program must be tamper proof that once an entry is made it cannot be removed or altered except by an approved method leaving the original entry in place.**
- 4. If an owner decides to use an electronic log book, the owner will be required to obtain a (5) five year license from VMSL for each of the electronic record system used and for each vessel using the said system(s). The cost of the (5) year license is \$500.00, to be renewed every five years. The ASI form will be change to include the verification of such licenses.**
- 5. During an ASI, if discovered that a vessel is using an electronic recording system without a license, the vessel will be invoiced for a license(s) that will be back dated to the date the system was installed on the vessel, but no further back than the date this FSL takes effect.**
- 6. The license is issued to the vessel and not transferable to another vessel.**
- 7. The Official Logbook to be purchased from VMSL must be kept in the hard copy format.**

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