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## TECHNICAL ALERT No. 15-06

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### Bahamas Seaman Record Book

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Technical Alert is to remind all parties of the correct use of a Bahamas Seaman Record Book (SRB).
- 1.2. This Technical Alert should be read in conjunction with BMA Information Bulletin No. 107.

#### 2. General

- 2.1. The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) continues to receive requests for additional information on, and possible use of, a Bahamas SRB for travel and identity purposes.
- 2.2. All parties should note that a Bahamas SRB is not a national identity document. National identity documents, including passports or International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention No. 185 *Seafarer Identity Document*, can only be issued by the country where the person is a national.
- 2.3. As a Bahamas SRB is primarily intended for the recording of sea service, there is currently no expiry date on the SRB. The BMA does recommend that a person with a Bahamas SRB applies for a SRB after 10 years so that an updated photograph is incorporated in the SRB.
- 2.4. The BMA only issues Bahamas SRBs to person(s) who are serving or intending to serve on Bahamian ships.

- 2.5. Applications will only be accepted from Companies who are engaged in the employment, recruitment or selection of persons for service on Bahamian ships. Where the BMA has any doubt on the linkage of a Company or seafarer to a Bahamian ship, additional information will be requested from the Company making the application, in order to confirm the eligibility of the Company to make the application.

### **3. Validity**

- 3.1. This Technical Alert is valid until further notice.

### **4. Revision History**

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