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**SUBJECT: U.S. Coast Guard updated QUALSHIP 21 (Q21) certificate delivery**

The U.S. Coast Guard released a notice to inform all maritime stakeholders that new vessels entering the Q21 Program will now be receiving a digital e-certificate in lieu of the paper certificate previously used. This new e-certificate will have the vessel's name, certificate number, official seal of the U.S. Coast Guard, and a QR Code that will directly link you to the Coast Guard's Port State Control Program website at: [Qualship 21 Initiative \(uscg.mil\)](https://www.uscg.mil/qualship21)

The Q21 program is an incentive program offered by the Coast Guard to reward companies, operators and vessels that demonstrate a high commitment to quality and safety combined with a high level of compliance with International Standards and United States Law and Regulations. This can result in reduced boarding frequency onboard your vessels by the U.S. Coast Guard PSCOs.

If you feel you may be eligible, visit the above website to garner information on the Q21 Program, Large Fleet and E-Zero Programs and how to obtain enrollment. Additional information can be found on this site such as targeted organizations, foreign vessel detentions in the U.S., general Port State Control Policies, as well as key contact information for Coast Guard on the program. Questions can be sent to [PortStateControl@uscg.mil](mailto:PortStateControl@uscg.mil) to answer any questions you may have about the program.

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