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AN ACT to implement the Hague Convention 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, and for related purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

§1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Foreign Public Document (Hague Apostille Convention) Act 2025.

§2. Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Apostille" means the certificate issued under the Hague Apostille Convention authenticating the origin of a public document.
- (b) "Convention" means the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents.
- (c) "Minister" means the Minister responsible for foreign affairs.
- (d) "Prescribed" means prescribed by regulation made under this Act.
- (e) "Public document" has the meaning given in Article I of the Convention.

§3. Convention to Have a Force of Law.

- (1) The provisions of the Convention as set out in the Schedule have the force of law in the Republic.
- (2) Where this Act is inconsistent with any other law, this Act prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

§4. Competent Authority.

- (1) The following are designated competent authorities for purposes of this Act:
 - (a) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
 - (b) Attorney-General and Acting Attorney-General;
 - (c) Chief Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Courts;
 - (d) Registrars and Deputy Registrars of Corporations;
 - (e) Maritime Administrator and Special Agents thereof; and
 - (f) Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs or Special Agents thereof; and
 - (g) other designate by the Minister from time to time.
- (2) A competent authority may issue an Apostille in the prescribed form, certifying the authenticity of a public document executed in the Republic for use in a country that is a party to the Convention.
- (3) The Apostille shall be attached to the original document or to a certified copy.

§5. Legalization Not Required.

- (1) A public document issued in a country that is a party to the Convention, and bearing an Apostille in accordance with the Convention, shall be accepted for use in the Republic without further authentication or legalization.
- (2) No person, court, or authority in the Republic shall require consular or diplomatic legalization of a document that bears a valid Apostille from a Convention country.

§6. Regulations.

The Minister may make regulations for the purpose of implementing this Act, including regulations prescribing:

- (a) the form and content of Apostilles;
- (b) procedures for issuing, refusing, or revoking Apostilles;
- (c) applicable fees; and
- (d) any other matter necessary for the effective operation of this Act.

§7. Apostilles Issued Prior to this Act.

All apostilles issued by the above-designated competent authorities prior to the effects date of this Act are valid.

§8. Effective Date.

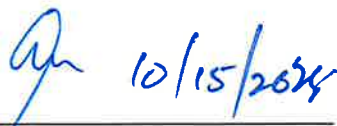
This Act shall take effect on the date of certification in accordance with Article IV, Section 21 of the Constitution.

CERTIFICATE

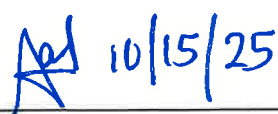
I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Bill No: 66 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 3rd day of October 2025; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No: 66 was passed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk this 15th day of October 2025.



Hon. Isaac Zackhras
 Vice Speaker
 Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Attest: 

Carl Alik
 Acting Clerk
 Nitijela of the Marshall Islands