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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.

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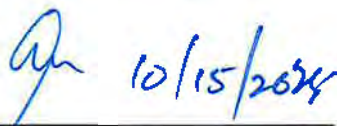
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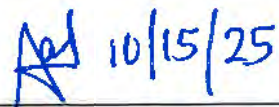
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**I hereby certify:**

1. That Nitijela Bill No: 66 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

  
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**Hon. Isaac Zackhras**  
 Vice Speaker  
 Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

**Attest:**   
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**Carl Alik**  
 Acting Clerk  
 Nitijela of the Marshall Islands