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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage**

*To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies*

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to provide an updated list of State Parties to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage which will enter into force on 21 November 2008.

1. The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (Bunkers Convention) as promulgated by the Merchant Shipping Information Note 53/2007, will enter into force on 21 November 2008.
2. From 21 November 2008 ships trading in the countries that have ratified the Convention will need to hold a certificate certifying that they have insurance to cover the liability due to pollution damage by bunker oil under the Convention.
3. Marine Department has initiated the legislation process to extend the Convention to the Hong Kong SAR. If the Convention cannot be extended to the Hong Kong SAR by 21 November 2008, owners of Hong Kong registered ships shall approach any of the State Parties to obtain the required certificate in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention before their ships may trade to countries which are State Parties to the Convention. So far, 22 States have ratified or acceded to the Convention and an updated list of such State Parties is attached. Further accessions by any States to the Convention may be found on the websites from the following IMO links:

[http://www.imo.org/includes/blastDataOnly.asp/data\\_id%3D21441/status-x.xls](http://www.imo.org/includes/blastDataOnly.asp/data_id%3D21441/status-x.xls)

[http://www.imo.org/Conventions/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=249](http://www.imo.org/Conventions/mainframe.asp?topic_id=249)

4. Any enquiries on this Merchant Shipping Information Note may be directed to the Chief, Technical Policy of the Multi-lateral Policy Division, Marine Department at telephone number (852) 2852 4602 or by fax (852) 2542 4841.

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