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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

### **Application for the Issue of Insurance Certificate**

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

#### ***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to inform the parties concerned of the procedures to apply for Insurance Certificate under the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage which is scheduled for extension to Hong Kong on 22 January 2010. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note Nos. 53/2007 and 20/2008.

#### **Introduction**

1. The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001(Bunkers Convention) came into force on 21 November 2008. The registered owner of a Hong Kong registered seagoing non-tanker having a gross tonnage greater than 1000 is required to maintain insurance or other financial security, such as the guarantee of a bank or similar financial institution, to cover the liability of the registered owner for pollution damage by bunker oil in an amount equal to the limits of liability not exceeding an amount calculated in accordance with the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended. An Insurance Certificate attesting the above insurance or other financial security should be kept on board.

#### **Insurance Certificate**

2. The Bunkers Convention is scheduled for extension to Hong Kong on 22 January 2010. From that date onwards, Hong Kong registered ships are required to apply for the Insurance Certificates from Marine Department. Insurance Certificates previously issued by other administrations prior to the extension of the Bunkers Convention to Hong Kong will remain valid until the expiry of the above certificates.

### **Approved Insurance Companies**

3. The following insurance companies and/or Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Clubs which provide insurance covers to Hong Kong registered ships will be accepted for the purpose of issuing the Insurance Certificate by Marine Department:

- (a) insurance companies authorized by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (<http://www.oci.gov.hk/stat/index02.html>);
- (b) members of International Group of Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Clubs (<http://www.igpandi.org/Group+Clubs>); and
- (c) insurance companies and/or P & I clubs recognized by the China Maritime Safety Administration (MSA). Details of the above insurance companies and/or P & I clubs can be obtained from the Department of Ship Safety and Pollution Prevention of China MSA (Tel. No. : +86 10 6529 2878).

### **Application Procedures**

4. Application fee for the Insurance Certificate is HK\$ 535. The Notes for Guidance, Explanatory Notes and application form for the application of Insurance Certificate are attached as an annex to this Note.

### **Enquiry**

5. Any enquiries relating to this Note should be directed to the Senior Surveyor/ Technical Policy Branch at telephone no. (852) 2852 4606 or fax no. (852) 2542 4841.

6. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note Nos. 53/2007 and 20/2008.

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