

Procedures and requirements by the Administrations of Germany, Marshall Islands and United Kingdom

1. Germany

The Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH) will issue certificates in accordance with the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007, for ships flying the flags of non-Parties, and ship owners of vessels registered in Hong Kong (China) are eligible to file an application with the BSH in Germany.

The owner of a ship filing an application has to provide an insurance or other security that has to meet certain requirements. This proof of coverage is sometimes referred to as “Blue Card”, which verifies that sufficient insurance coverage, including wreck removal coverage, is currently in full force and effect for the ship.

The BSH only acknowledges “Blue Cards” issued by -

- a member of the International Group of P&I Clubs,
- an insurance company under Lloyd’s, and
- an insurance company already approved by the BSH.

A fee of EUR 60 is charged for each liability certificate in accordance with the BSH fee ordinance. Further information is provided under the following link:

<http://www.deutsche-flagge.de/en/liability/wreck-removal-liability>

At this moment, application forms provided online are in German language only. A hardcopy of the application form in English language is attached to this Annex as Appendix. To facilitate the application process, BHS also requests applicants to file the applications as soon as possible in order to prepare the certificates. Blue Cards can be submitted at a later stage.

2. Marshall Islands

With respect to a ship not registered in the Marshall Islands but in a non-State Party to the Convention and not in possession of a Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security issued by the State of the ship’s registry, the Administrator may, upon request from the registered owner or operator of the ship, issue the Certificate to it to certify proof of liability insurance or other financial security.

The following information must be submitted with the request:

- .1 proof of protection and indemnity cover in force with respect to the ship which must be issued by a member Club of the International Group of P & I Clubs;
- .2 trade compliance information, including:
 - a copy of a valid ship Certificate of Registry (COR)
 - a copy of the current Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)
 - Registered Owner name and IMO Number
 - ISM Manager Name (Operator of the ship)
 - ISM Manager IMO Number
 - Beneficial Owner / Charterer Details; and
- .3 payment of a fee of USD 500 remitted by check or bank draft payable in advance to “The Trust Company of the Marshall Islands, Inc.” in United States (US) dollars and drawn on a US bank or the US branch of an international bank is required. Wire transfers are also acceptable. Fees may also be paid online by credit card.

The proof of coverage and any additionally required trade compliance documentation may be sent by mail, email or facsimile to any of the offices listed in RMI Marine Notice 1-002-1, which could be obtained from the following link:

<http://www.register-iri.com/forms/upload/MN-1-002-1.pdf>

Please see the attached Marine Notice, in particular its section 7.2, which outlines the steps that need to be taken by Non-State Party ships:

<https://www.register-iri.com/forms/upload/MN-2-011-45.pdf>

3. United Kingdom

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) is prepared to accept applications for Wreck Convention Certificates from non-State Parties. Due to the large volume of applications, it is expected that priority will be given to applications of UK flagged vessels, and each application will be considered on a case by case basis. UK MCA will start receiving applications from UK flagged vessels and non-State parties alike from the 1st of February 2015.

The fee per certificate is expected to be GBP 31; additional delivery charges may apply.

Guidance on the application process has been recently published on UK MCA’s website. Application forms will also be made available on this website as of the 1 February 2015:

<https://www.gov.uk/certificate-of-proof-of-civil-or-passenger-liability-insurance>

- **Appendix: Application Form (in English) Provided by BSH Germany**

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Application for a wreck removal liability certificate

in accordance with the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 *)

- ☐ First application
☐ Follow-up application

Information on the registered owner

First name and surname or name of company		
Street and house number		
Post code, postal area		
Country		
Tel. no.		
Fax no.		
E-mail address		

Please insert the
**principal
place of business**
here.

Information on the person authorised to make the application

First name and surname or name of company		
Contact person		
PO Box or Street and house number		
Post code, postal area		
Country		
Tel no.		
Fax no.		
E-mail address		

Please provide an
**original written
authorisation** if you
are making the
application on behalf
of the registered
owner.

Information on the authorised recipient

First name and surname		
Street and house number		
Post code, postal area		
Tel no.		

If the ship is not flying the flag of the Federal Republic of Germany at the time of application, a person authorised to receive documents who is a permanent resident of Germany must be nominated. Please enclose the **original authorisation to receive communications** with your application.

Ships information

Name of ship		
IMO number		
Ships ID		
Distinctive no. or letters		
Gross tonnage		
Flag		
Port of registry		
Shipping register		
Ship registry number		

The BSH will provide a ships ID upon your first application; please always state it in subsequent applications.

The ships tonnage must be accounted for with an International Tonnage Certificate (ITC).

Information on security

Type of security		
Duration of security		

The security exists either in the form of insurance or other financial security.

Information of the guarantor

Principal place of business

Name of company		
Street and house number		
Post code, postal area		
Country		

Place of business where the security is established.

Street and house number		
Post code, postal area		
Country		

You must only fill in this section if the security is not established at the principal place of business.

Comments

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Declarations

1. The information provided in this application is complete and correct.
2. If the security is terminated prematurely or changed, the BSH must be informed of the fact without delay.
3. If the application or annexes are not written in German or English, a translation by an officially approved translator must be attached.
4. We hereby assure that we will assume the costs for issuing the wreck removal liability certificate. Any advance payments or securities shall be provided upon written request.

Place	Date	Signature and stamp, if any

Annexes which must be submitted with the application

Please complete your application with the annexes detailed here.

- ☐ Declaration on the existence of a security (e.g. Blue Card)

This declaration must make unambiguously clear that the security complies with the conditions in Article 12 of the Wreck Removal Convention and the premature termination or a change resulting in the security no longer meeting the conditions shall only become effective with regard to third parties three months after the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency has been advised of the termination or change.

- ☐ Proof of the ships tonnage: Copy of International Tonnage Certificate (ITC, London 1969)

In addition, please submit:

- ☐ If you are making the application on behalf of the registered owner:
Original written authorisation to submit applications
- ☐ If the ship is not flying the flag of the Federal Republic of Germany:
Original written authorisation to receive communications
- ☐ If the application or annexes are not in German or English:
Translation by an officially approved translator