



Marine Notice No. 4 of 2009

For the attention of all Owners, Operators, Masters, Skippers and Ship Agents of ALL Vessels greater than 1000GT.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001.

Update on Marine Notice No. 52 of 2008

The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 entered into force internationally on the 21st November 2008. Ireland deposited its instrument of accession to this Convention with the IMO on the 23rd December 2008 and in accordance with the requirements of the Convention it will enter into force for Ireland, three months later, on the 23rd March 2009.

The Convention requires all vessels over 1000 gross tonnage (GT) 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 in an amount equal to the limits of liability under the applicable national or international limitation regime, but in all cases, not exceeding an amount calculated in accordance with the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended.

Owners of Irish registered vessels of more than 1000 GT have required certification to be issued by an administration of a State that has ratified the Convention. Marine Notice No. 52 of 2008 gave details of the temporary arrangements Ireland has agreed with other Maritime Administrations pending ratification by Ireland. From the 23rd March 2009 owners of Irish registered ships greater than 1000 GT may be issued with the appropriate Irish certification by applying to the Marine Survey Office of the Department of Transport. Owners are advised to apply in sufficient time to ensure that they are issued with the certification on time.

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