

Marine Notice No. 06 of 2015

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Compliance With The Nairobi International Convention On The Removal Of Wrecks, 2007

***For the attention of all Owners, Operators, Masters, Fishing Vessel Skippers and Ship Agents
of ALL Vessels of 300 gross tonnage and above.***

The Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks 2007 will enter into force on 14th of April 2015. The Convention provides the legal basis for States to remove, or have removed, shipwrecks that may have the potential to affect adversely the safety of lives, goods and property at sea, as well as the marine environment.

The Convention requires the owner of a ship, including fishing vessels and barges, of 300 gross tonnage and above to maintain insurance or other financial security, such as a guarantee of a bank or similar institution, to cover liability under this Convention 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 article 6(1)(b) of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended. Owners of such vessels may be requested, when operating in the waters or entering the ports of states which are party to the Convention, to provide proof of such insurance, and this is provided for in the Convention by means of a certificate issued by a party to the Convention.

Until ratification of the Convention by Ireland has been completed, owners of Irish flagged vessels of 300 gross tonnage or above operating in the waters or entering the ports of a state which is a party to the Convention will require certification to be issued by an administration of a state that has ratified the Convention. A full list of states which are party to the Convention is given in this Marine Notice. In order to assist Irish flagged ships, the Irish Maritime Administration has made arrangements with the United Kingdom, Germany and Denmark who have offered to issue the certificates for Irish flagged ships, in this interim period until Ireland becomes a party.

Vessel owners should make an application as soon as possible as detailed below. It should be noted that any costs or fees in relation to the issue of the certificates are a matter for the vessel owner.

United Kingdom

Details on how to apply are available from the UK's Maritime and Coastguard Agency's website hosted at the www.gov.uk website at the following [link](#). Website address: <https://www.gov.uk/certificate-of-proof-of-civil-or-passenger-liability-insurance>

Germany

The Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency is in the position to issue Wreck Removal Convention Certificates for vessels flying the Irish flag. The insurance must be provided by either a P & I Club that is a member of the International Group of P&I Clubs or a Lloyds syndicate.

Further information and the English application form is available on their website:

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

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

Denmark

The Danish Maritime Authority is in the position to issue Wreck Removal Convention Certificates for vessels flying the Irish flag. The insurance must be provided by either a P&I Club that is a member of the International Group of P&I Clubs or a Lloyds syndicate.

The Application Form is available from their website:

www.dma.dk

A Full List of Countries which are State Parties to the NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007		
Antigua & Barbuda	Germany	Malaysia
Bulgaria	Liberia	Malta
Congo	India	Morocco
Cook Islands	Islamic Republic of Iran	Palau
Denmark	United Kingdom	Marshall Islands
Nigeria		

Upon ratification of the Convention by Ireland, a further Marine Notice will issue.

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