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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Charterers, Ship Masters and the Shipping Community

SUBJECT: International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001

The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has adopted special measures to enhance safer shipping and cleaner oceans. The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 was adopted in 23 March 2001 and will enter into force on 21 November 2008.

The Convention was adopted to ensure that adequate, prompt and effective compensation is available to persons who suffer damage caused by spills of oil, when carried as fuel in ship's bunkers. The Convention applies to damage caused on the territory, including the territorial sea, and in Exclusive Economic Zones of States Parties. The Convention requires ships over 1,000 gross tonnage 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 on Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended.

(IMO, 2008)

With effect 21 November 2008, ships trading in states parties to the Convention will require a Bunker Convention Certificate onboard in the format stipulated in the Convention. The Bunker Convention Certificate should be issued by the Administration the ship is registered.

Kiribati has not ratified the Convention yet. Kiribati ships should observe the following before Kiribati ratifies the Convention:

- a) Obtain a Bunker Convention Certificate from the Administration of any State Party (see below); and
- b) Notify the Port of Arrival 3 days prior to Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA).

The Bunker Convention Certificate issued will be valid either until the expiry date or throughout the insurance period.

States Parties to the Convention (as of 11 September 2008):

Bahamas	Estonia	Lithuania	Sierra Leone
Bulgaria	Germany	Luxembourg	Singapore
Cook's Island	Greece	Marshall Islands	Slovenia
Croatia	Hungary	Norway	Spain
Cyprus	Jamaica	Poland	Tonga
Denmark	Latvia	Samoa	The United Kingdom

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