



# Kiribati Ship Registry

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## MARINE CIRCULAR REG/6/2009

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**TO : Ship Owners, Managers, Charterers, Ship Master 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 (Bunker Convention) 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)

Kiribati has ratified the Bunker Convention and it will enter into force on 29 October 2009. All ships above 1000GT are required to maintain a Bunker Convention Certificate issued by the Kiribati Ship Registry.

Kiribati flagged ships currently holding a Bunker Convention Certificate issued by other flag administrations on behalf of Kiribati, must provide a copy of their current Bunker Convention Certificate to the Registry for our records. The Registry will recognise the Bunker Convention Certificates issued before 29 October 2009 by other flag administrations. After 29 October 2009, the Bunker Convention Certificate can only be issued by the Registry.

To apply for the Bunker Convention Certificate, owners/managers should submit the following via email:

1. Blue Card for International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 issued by Recognised P&I Clubs/Insurers. (see List of Recognised P&I Clubs / Insurers)
2. Application for Bunker Convention Certificate
3. Copy of Registry Certificate (if vessel not registered with Kiribati flag)

The Bunker Convention Certificate will have the same validity as the Bunker Convention Blue Card. Once approved, the Registry will provide a copy of the certificate with invoice. The original certificate will be released upon payment of fees.

Application Form may be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.kiribaship.com/forms/default.asp>

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@kiribaship.com](mailto:info@kiribaship.com) for further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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