



Singapore Shipping Association

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To: All SSA Members

ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE BUNKERS CONVENTION

The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage 2001 (the "Bunkers Convention") will enter into force on **21 November 2008**.

With the entry into force of the Convention, all ships over 1,000 GT entering the waters of a State that has ratified the Convention will need to possess a **Bunker Convention Certificate** (BCC).

*As of 1 September 2008, the following States are party to the Bunker Convention:
Bahamas, Bulgaria, Cook Islands, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Jamaica, Latvia, Lithuania, Liberia, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Norway, Poland, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Tonga, the United Kingdom and Vanuatu.*

Further to previous SSA Circulars on the subject (SSA/110/08/EML and SSA/113/08/EML dated 5 and 22 September 2008 respectively), please be informed that the Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has issued a Port Marine Circular of **2008 dated 7 October 2008** listing application procedures for BCCs for **foreign-flagged ships** calling at Singapore.

Furthermore, please note that, even if the application is successful, all foreign-flagged ships that are eligible for a BCC will only be able to print the BCC upon arrival in the Port of Singapore.

A copy of PMC 13 of 2008 is attached for your information.

The original can be found on the MPA website at:
http://www.mpa.gov.sg/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/pc08-13.pdf

Application procedures for BCCs for Singapore-flagged ships are covered under MPA's Shipping Circular SC No. 26 of 2008 dated 19 September 2008.

Best regards,

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