



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 **13 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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