



PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY
General Directorate of Merchant Marine

Merchant Marine Circular No. 202

To: Ship owners/Operators, Legal Representatives, Recognized Organizations, Masters of Panamanian Flagged Vessels

Subject: Ratification of the Bunker Convention 2001

**References: International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage of 2001 (Bunkers Convention).
Merchant Marine Circular N°.180
Merchant Marine Circular N°.198
Law N°.7 of January 14, 2009**

1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to inform that the Republic of Panama submitted, to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization, the ratification of the Bunker Convention 2001 on February 17, 2009.
2. Following the requirements of the Article 14, paragraph 2, of the Bunker Convention 2001, which indicates that: "For any State which ratifies, accepts, approves or accedes to it after the conditions in paragraph 1 for entry into force have been met, this Convention shall enter into force three months after the date of deposit by such State of the appropriate instrument."; this Administration will be able to issue the Bunker Convention certificate to Panamanian flagged vessels beginning May 17, 2009.
3. The Certificates issued before May 17, 2009 by other Administrations to Panamanian flagged vessels, will remain valid until their expiration date.
4. Beginning May 17, 2009, in order to obtain the Panamanian Bunker Convention certificate, you must fill out the application form and submit it together with the copy of the Blue Card and evidence of the payment made to Segumar New York Office to bunkers@segumar.com. The cost of the certificate will be \$250.00. The application is available in Merchant Marine Circular N°. 191.
5. Aimed at providing a good quality service, beginning November, 2009, the Merchant Marine Consulates, duly approved by the General Directorate of Merchant Marine, will be involved with the issuance of the Bunker Convention Certificate. At date the consulates with this authorization are: Pireo, Tokio, Seoul, Singapore and Kobe. This shall be done by meeting the same requirements as if applying through the Segumar Panama Office. This will shorten the period for the issuance of this Certificate since it will not be necessary to be sent by courier. The cost of the Certificate, in the cases when the application is done through the above mentioned Consulates will be \$250.00 plus a \$100.00 Consular fee.

6. On the Blue card, on the field labeled “TO” the information to be used is as follows:

Panama Maritime Authority
P.O. Box 0843-0533
Balboa, Ancón
Panama, Republic of Panama

7. The list of approved P and I Clubs/Insurers is as follows:

- AEGIS London
- Aigaion Insurance Company S.A.
- Alandia Marine
- Alfa Strakhovanie
- American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association, Inc
- Argenta Syndicate Management Limited
- Assuranceforeningen Gard
- Assuranceforeningen Skuld
- Astra Asigurari S.A.
- Atrium Underwriters Limited
- Beazley P&I Club
- Brit Insurance Holdings PLC
- British European & Overseas P&I
- British Marine Luxembourg S.A.
- Canopus Managing Agents Syndicate
- Catlin Underwriting Agencies Limited
- Chaucer Syndicate Limited
- Charterers P&I Club
- China Shipowners Mutual Assurance Association
- Chubb Group of Insurance Companies
- Chubb Insurance Company of Canada
- Coastal Marine Mutual Association Ltd.
- Gard P&I (Bermida) Ltd
- Hans Van Berghem
- Hanseatic P&I
- Hiscox Syndicate Limited
- Ingosstrakh Ltd.
- Insurance Company Scandinavia
- InterCoastal Shipowners' P&I B.V.
- Investflot Insurance Company
- JSC Rosgosstrakh
- Korea P&I Club (The Korea Shipowner's Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association)
- Korea Shipping Association
- Liberty Syndicate Management Limited
- Maritime Mutual Insurance Association (NZ) Limited
- Military Insurance Company

- Navigators P&I
- Noord Nederlandsche
- North Netherlands Protection & Indemnity Association
- Osprey Underwriting Agency Limited
- Post and Co.
- Progress – Garant (as part of Allianz)
- QBE Insurance Group Limited
- Russian Insurance Centre
- Raetsmarine Insurance B.V.
- Russian P&I Pool
- Safeguard Guarantee Company Ltd
- Skuld Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association (Bermuda) Ltd.
- Soglassye Insurance Company
- SOVAG Schwarzmeer und Ostsee Versicherung AG
- Star Underwriting Agents Limited
- Suderland Marine Mutual Insurance Company Limited
- Sveriges Angfartygs Assurans Förening (Swedish Club)
- Talbot Underwriting Limited
- The Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association Limited
- The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association
- The London Steam-Ship Owners' Mutual Insurance Association Ltd
- The North of England Protecting & Indemnity Association Ltd
- The Shipowners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association (Luxembourg)
- The South of England Management AG
- The Standard Steamship Owners' Protection & Indemnity Association (Bermuda) Limited
- The Standard Steamship Owners' Protection and Indemnity Association (Europe) Ltd.
- The Standard Steamship Owners' Protection and Indemnity Association (London) Ltd.
- The Standard Steamship Owners' Protection and Indemnity Association (Asia) Ltd.
- The Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association (Bermuda) Limited
- The Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association Ltd.
- United Kingdom Mutual Steam Ship Assurance Association (Bermuda) Limited
- United Kingdom Mutual Steam Ship Assurance Association (Europe) Ltd.
- The West of England Ship Owners Mutual Insurance Association (Luxembourg)
- United Insurance Company of Vietnam
- Water Quality Insurance Syndicate
- Zurich North America

8. The P and I Clubs/Insurers that are not listed and wish to be approved by the Panama Maritime Authority, may apply by sending a written request to:

General Directorate of Merchant Marine
Panama Maritime Authority
Edificio PanCanal Plaza, Albrook
P.O. Box 0843-0533
Balboa, Ancón
Phone: +507 501-5106
Fax: +507 501-5007

9. The Panama Maritime Authority will issue Bunker Convention Certificates to ships flagged in States not party to the Convention.

March, 2009

July, 2009

August, 2009

November, 2009

January, 2010 - Changes in paragraph 5

February, 2010 - Changes in paragraph 5

**Inquiries concerning the subject of this Circular or any request should be directed to:
Directorate General of Merchant Marine
Panama Maritime Authority
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