

PORT MARINE NOTICE

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Shipping Community Harbour Craft Community

THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001 (BUNKER CONVENTION)

All Marinet users can now submit their application for Bunker Convention Certificate (BCC) electronically via the Marinet. Please click on "Bunker Convention Certificate" under "E-Certificate" for all services relating to the:

- Submission of BCC
- Printing of BCC
- Status enquiry

2 Please be reminded that the Convention will be coming into force with effect from 21 Nov 08. Hence, BCC will be required for ships that depart on and after 21 Nov 08.

3 Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at Annex 1. To ensure the smooth implementation of the BCC for all foreign-flagged ships calling at our Port, a 24-hour hotline service will be available from 21 Nov 08. If you need assistance, please call tel: 6325 2460.

CHIANG JOO JO for PORT MASTER MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

(For Singapore-Registered vessels, please refer to Shipping Circular No.26 of 2008 for guidance. You may contact the Singapore Registry of Ships at 6375 6227/ 6375 6236 for matters pertaining to Singapore Flagged ships.)

1. Which Circulars should I refer to for BCC matters?

- Shipping Circular No. 26 of 2008 (applicable for Singapore Flagged Ships)
- Port Marine Circular No. 21 of 2008 (applicable for Foreign Flagged Ships coming into Singapore Port)

2. When will the BCC come into force?

• It will affect all vessels arriving on 21 November 2008.

3. Which vessels are required to comply with BCC?

• Any vessel above 1000 GT.

4. What vessels <u>need not</u> apply for BCC?

- a) Vessel with 1000GT and below
- b) All tankers with a valid Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (CLC92) Certificate
- c) All licensed Harbour Craft that operate within the Singapore Port Limit only

5. Which are the Countries that are a party to the Convention?

- 1. BS; Bahamas
- 2. BG; Bulgaria
- 3. CK; Cook Islands
- 4. HR; Croatia
- 5. CY; Cyprus
- 6. DK; Denmark
- 7. EE; Estonia
- 8. DE; Germany
- 9. GR; Greece
- 10. HU; Hungary
- 11. JM; Jamaica

- 14 LT; Lithuania
- 15 LU; Luxembourg
- 16 MH; Marshall Islands
- 17 NO; Norway
- 18 PL; Poland
- 19 WS: Samoa
- 20 SL; Sierra Leone
- 21 SG; Singapore
- 22 SI: Slovenia
- 23 ES; Spain
- 24 TO; Tonga

12. LV; Latvia	25	GB ; United Kingdom
13 LR ; Liberia	26	VU; Vanuatu

Ships flagged with any of the above countries are required to approach their respective Flag Administration for the issuance of BCC.

6. What documents are required when applying for BCC?

You need to submit a softcopy (in pdf format) of the insurance policy (Blue Card) issued by any of the following:

13 RECOGNISED INTERNATIONAL GROUP AND AFFLIATES	RECOGNISED FIXED PREMIUM UNDERWRITERS (FPU) AND OTHER P&I CLUBS
(1) AMERICAN STEAMSHIP OWNERS MUTUAL PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY ASSOCATION	(1) QBE INSURANCE (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED
 (2) ASSURANCEFORENINGEN GARD GARD P&I (BERMUDA) LTD. 	(2) BRITISH MARINE LUXEMBOURG S.A.
 (3) ASSURANCEFORENINGEN SKULD (GJENSIDIG) SKULD MUTUAL PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY ASSOCIATION (BERMUDA) LTD. 	(3) NAVIGATORS INSURANCE COMPANY
(4) THE BRITANNIA STEAM SHIP INSURANCE ASSOCIATION LIMITED	(4) TOKIO MARINE & NICHIDO FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
(5) THE JAPAN SHIP OWNERS' MUTUAL PROTECTION AND INDEMINTY ASSOCIATION (JAPAN P&I CLUB)	(5) TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE SINGAPORE LTD.
(6) THE LONDON STEAM-SHIP OWNERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (THE LONDON P&I CLUB)	(6) CHINA SHIPOWNERS MUTUAL ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION
(7) NORTH OF ENGLAND P&I ASSOCIATION	7) THE KOREA SHIPOWNER'S MUTUAL PROTECTION & INDEMNITY ASSOCIATION
(8) THE SHIPOWNERS' MUTUAL PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY ASSOCATION	

(9) THE STANDARD STEAMSHIP	
OWNERS' PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY ASSOCATION LTD	
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(EUROPE) LTD.	
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(LONDON) LTD.	
THE STANDARD STEAMSHIP	
OWNERS' PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY ASSOCIATION	
(ASIA) LTD.	
10) THE STEAMSHIP MUTUAL	
UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION (BERMUDA) LTD.	
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UNDERWRITING	
ASSOCIATION LTD.	
11) SVERIGES ANGFARTYGS ASSURANS FORENING (THE	
SWEDISH CLUB)	
12) THE UNITED KINGDOM MUTUAL STEAM SHIP ASSURANCE	
ASSOCIATION (BERMUDA)	
LIMITED (UK P&I CLUB)	
UNITED KINGDOM MUTUAL	
STEAM SHIP ASSURANCE	
ASSOCIATION (EUROPE) LTD.	
13) THE WEST OF ENGLAND SHIP OWNERS MUTUAL INSURANCE	
ASSOCIATION (LUXEMBOURG)	

7. If I am applying for BCC from Singapore, whom should the Blue Card be addressed to?

The Blue Card should be addressed to:

Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

Shipping Division, Singapore Registry of Ships 460 Alexandra Road 21st Storey, PSA Building Singapore 119963

8. How do I apply for a BCC if my company is not based in Singapore?

If the owner /Ship Manager do not have an office in Singapore, the **local agent** may submit application on your behalf.

9. What is the validity of Bunker Convention Certificate?

Foreign-flagged Ships issued with insurance policy (Blue Card) from any one of International Group's (IG) P&I Clubs will be issued BCC that is tied to the expiry of Blue Card (i.e. 20 February annually)

Foreign-flagged Ships issued with insurance policy from recognised Fixed Premium Underwriters (FPU) or other P&I clubs (other than the IG P&I Clubs) will be issued BCC that is valid for period of port stay. The BCC can be printed once departure declaration had been made. For subsequent visits to the port of Singapore, provided there are no changes to the details in the Blue Card including the validity period of the insurance, the agents of the ships only need to log into Marinet and click on "Print BCC" once departure declaration had been made. <u>There is no need to submit a new application unless there had been changes to the Blue Card.</u>

10. How do I check the BCC application status in the Marinet?

Please log on to Marinet, under the E- Certification, click the icon "Bunker Convention Certificate" select "BCC Application Status"

Please key in any of the following to make a search

- Reference No; or
- Vessel's Name in full; or
- Application Date Range.

11. What is the cost for BCC?

- The cost of BCC is \$60 inclusive of GST.
- Payment can be by cash, cheque or billed to Marinet Applicant

12. I have already applied for BCC from my Flag Administration. However, the BCC is not ready yet. Can my vessel enter Singapore?

The vessel **may be allowed** to enter Singapore but a valid BCC is required for departure.