



**MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE
SHIPPING CIRCULAR TO SHIPOWNERS
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Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of all Singapore shipowners, ship-managers, operators, agents, masters, crew members and insurers

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WRECK REMOVAL CONVENTION 2007 FOR
SINGAPORE-REGISTERED SHIPS**

INTRODUCTION

1. The Wreck Removal Convention (WRC) was adopted by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in May 2007 to provide a sound legal basis for States to remove wrecks in their exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and to ensure adequate compensation is available to pay for the costs of wreck removal.
2. The WRC requires owners of ships over 300 GT to take out insurance or provide other financial security to cover the costs of wreck removal, capped at an amount equal to the limits of liability under the applicable national or international limitation regime. Owners of ships that call at ports of State Parties which mandate the certificate as a port entry requirement, are also required to carry a WRC State certificate to attest that they have obtained adequate insurance coverage.
3. Singapore has ratified the WRC which will enter into force in Singapore on 8 September 2017. All Singapore-registered ships over 300 GT (except excluded ships¹) are required to carry on board a WRC State certificate to attest that insurance or other financial security to cover liability for wrecks is in place.
4. This Circular urges the shipping community to take necessary action to comply with the Convention. Each WRC State certificate costs S\$60. For ships that are currently enrolled in the Annual Administrative Fee (AAF) Scheme, no additional payment is required as the WRC State certificate is covered under the scheme.

¹ The Convention does not apply to any warship or other ship owned or operated by a State and used, for the time being, only on Government non-commercial service, unless that State decides otherwise.

(A) Singapore-registered ships with valid WRC State certificate issued by other recognised State Parties

5. Singapore-registered ships that are currently holding valid WRC State certificates issued by other recognised State Parties are not required to apply for WRC State certificates from MPA until prior to the expiry of their existing WRC State certificates in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 6 below.

(B) Singapore-registered ships not holding WRC State certificate

6. Singapore-registered ships that need to procure a WRC State certificate can make an application with the MPA Registry Dept. by completing the WRC State certificate application form, and providing a copy of the relevant Blue Card, for submission via email to: marine@mpa.gov.sg. The application form is as attached in **Annex A**. The list of MPA recognised IG and non-IG clubs, including fixed premium underwriters can be found [here](#).

QUERIES

7. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to the Registry Dept dedicated contact via email: marine@mpa.gov.sg and tel: (65) 6375 1932.

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ANNEX A



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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE OR OTHER SECURITY:

- **CIVIL LIABILITY OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE (CLC)**
- **CIVIL LIABILITY BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE (BCC)**
- **REMOVAL OF WRECKS (WRC)**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This Form will take approximately 10 minutes to complete if you have all the information on hand.
2. Please provide the information including scan copy of the Blue Card from the recognised insurer.
3. Applicant may be the ship owner, ship manager or any other person authorised in writing by the owner.
4. For the type of ship, Official No., IMO No., and gross tonnage, to indicate in accordance with the Certificate of Singapore Registry.
5. For Security Type, to indicate whether insurance contract, P&I Cover, Bank Guarantee or Compensation Fund certificate. If security is furnished in several forms, these should be enumerated.
6. The period of validity of the security must be stated in terms of its exact date of commencement and with the date given in the insurer's or guarantor's etc. certificate.
7. Name and address of insurer and/or guarantor etc. providing the security must be provided. If the security has been furnished by more than one source, the amount of each of them should be indicated.
8. The fee for the CLC and BCC/WRC is S\$45 and S\$60, respectively.

Owner's Particulars

Ship Owner's Name: _____
Owner's Address : _____
Tel and Email: _____

Applicant's Particulars

Name: _____
Status: Owner Manager Authorised Agent (to provide authorisation from owner)

If Applicant Other than Owner

Company's Name: _____
Address: _____
Tel and Email: _____

Signature and Date

Name and Status in the Company

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Name & Type of Ship ^{^(4)}	IMO No. ^{^(4)}	Official No. ^{^(4)}	Convention Tonnage	Security			Name (s) and Address (es) of insurers and/or guarantors ^{^(7)}
				Insurance: <input type="checkbox"/> BCC <input type="checkbox"/> CLC <input type="checkbox"/> WRC	Type ^{^(5)}	Period of Validity ^{^(6)}	