



# TUVALU SHIP REGISTRY

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## MARINE CIRCULAR

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**FOR:** Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Recognised Organisations

**APPLIES TO :** Vessels above 1000GT

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

From 21 November 2008, the Bunkers Convention will enter into force.

*The Convention was adopted to ensure that adequate, prompt, and effective compensation is available to persons who suffer damage caused by spills of oil, when carried as fuel in ships' bunkers. It applies to ships over 1000 GT to maintain insurance or other financial security to cover the liability of the owner for oil pollution damage subject to the current limitation regime.*

- [http://www.imo.org/Conventions/contents.asp?topic\\_id=256&doc\\_id=666](http://www.imo.org/Conventions/contents.asp?topic_id=256&doc_id=666)

From 21 November 2008, vessels sailing to a country that is a party to the Convention are required to have the "Certificate of Insurance or Other Financial Security in Respect of Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage" (Bunkers Convention Certificates) as per the format prescribed in the Convention, on board the vessel.

This Certificate shall be issued by the State Party of which the vessel is registered with. If the State Party is not a party of the Convention, then the Certificate shall be issued or certified by the appropriate authority of any State Party who has acceded to the Bunker Convention.

Tuvalu has not yet ratified this Convention; however, the process is under-going. Until the Administration has ratified the Convention, Owners/Ship Managers of Tuvaluan Ships should :

1. Apply for the abovementioned certificate with the State Party who has already ratified the Bunkers Convention. (see appendix I for list of countries)
2. Notify the Port of Arrival at least 3 days prior to Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA).

Once the vessel has the abovementioned Certificate on board, the Certificate will remain valid until its expiry date or throughout the validity of the insurance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if more information or clarification is required.

Yours sincerely,

Registrar of Tuvaluan Ships  
Tuvalu Ship Registry





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## APPENDIX I

### States Party to the Bunker Convention (as at 11 September 2008)

1. Bahamas
2. Bulgaria
3. Cooks Island
4. Croatia
5. Cyprus
6. Denmark
7. Estonia
8. Germany
9. Greece
10. Hungary
11. Jamaica
12. Latvia
13. Lithuania
14. Luxembourg
15. Marshall Islands
16. Norway
17. Poland
18. Samoa
19. Sierra Leone
20. Singapore
21. Slovenia
22. Spain
23. Tonga
24. The United Kingdom

The above list is constantly updated and owners are advised to check for updates at

[http://www.imo.org/Conventions/mainframe.asp?topic\\_id=248](http://www.imo.org/Conventions/mainframe.asp?topic_id=248)