



Maritime Circular No.6

To:

Ship – Owners / Managers / Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognised Organisations (ROs), P&I Insurance Companies

Subject:

Issuance of Bunker Convention Certificates

Date:

10th of November 2016

References:

International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage of 2001 (Bunkers Convention)

Purpose

To Provide guidelines for the issuance or renewal of Bunker Convention Certificates.

Application

1. This procedure is applicable to all vessels over 1000 GT, of any type.
2. SLMARAD issues Bunker Convention Certificates to vessels registered under the Sierra Leone flag or registered under a Non State Party of the Convention.
3. SLMARAD does not issue Bunker Convention Certificates to vessels registered under another State Party of the Convention.
4. The documents to be submitted are:
 - a. Blue card addressed to SLMARAD as required in paragraph 5.
 - b. For vessels not registered under Sierra Leone flag the Certificate of Registry that belongs to another flag State.
 - c. Request and Acceptance of Service Form by the Registration Officer through the online “Fee Calculator” confirming the fees for the issuance or renewal of Bunker Convention Certificate.
5. The blue card must be addressed to:

**Sierra Leone Maritime Administration - Maritime House #6,
Government Wharf Ferry Terminal,
Freetown, Sierra Leone.**

6. Blue card can be send in electronic format to SLMARAD through bunker@slmarad.com.
7. For the approved P&I Insurance Companies visit: www.slmarad.com.

8. Cancellation of Blue Cards and Bunker Certificates:
 - a. The approved P&I Insurance Companies shall notify the Administration when a cancellation of Blue Card occurs by sending an email to SLMARAD through bunker@slmarad.com within 24 hours of the cancellation.
 - b. The Administration shall inform the RegOff that Bunker Certificate has been cancelled in order to take necessary steps for reinstatement of the Bunker Certificate within 10 days.
 - c. All required documents for the reinstatement of the Bunker Certificate shall be submitted as per paragraph 4.

9. The above reporting system will enter into effect as of 10th of November 2016

For additional information please contact SLMARAD at info@slmarad.com

Revision Status

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