



MARITIME CIRCULAR No. 6

To:

Owners / Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognized Organizations (ROs), P&I Insurance Companies

Subject:

Issuance and Cancellation of Bunker Convention Certificate

Date:

05th of February 2016

Reference:

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

Purpose

This Maritime Circular is to provide guidelines for the issuance, renewal or cancellation of Bunker Convention Certificate.

Application

1. This procedure is applicable to all vessels over 1000 GT, of any type.
2. This Administration is issuing Bunker Convention Certificate to vessels registered under the Sierra Leone flag or registered under a Non State Party of the Convention.
3. SLMARAD is not issuing a Bunker Convention Certificate to vessels registered under another State Party of the Convention.
4. The documents to be submitted are:
 - I. Blue card addressed to SLMARAD as required in paragraph 5.
 - II. For vessels not registered under Sierra Leone flag the Certificate of Registry that belongs to another flag State.
 - III. 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

Cancellation of Blue Cards and Bunker Certificates

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. All required documents for the reinstatement of the Bunker Certificate shall be submitted as per paragraph 4.

The above reporting system will enter into effect as of **05th of February 2016**.

Revision

Revised: 05th of February 2016 - Cancellation of Blue Cards and Bunker Certificates added – Revision 1

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