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MARINE NOTICE

The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (Bunker) was adopted on 23rd March 2001 and entered into force on the 21st November 2008.

Bunker fuel is the generic term given to any fuel poured into a ship's bunkers to power its engines. The convention covers leakage of that oil, and requires signatories to the convention to have their ships appropriately insured against such leakages.

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.

The Convention applies to damage caused on the territory, including the territorial sea, and in exclusive economic zones of States Parties.

The bunkers convention provides a free-standing instrument covering pollution damage only.

"Pollution damage" means:

(a) loss or damage caused outside the ship by contamination resulting from the escape or discharge of bunker oil from the ship, wherever such escape or discharge may occur, provided that compensation for impairment of the environment other than loss of profit from such impairment shall be limited to

costs of reasonable measures of reinstatement actually undertaken or to be undertaken; and
(b) the costs of preventive measures and further loss or damage caused by preventive measures.

The Bunker certificate is issued by the Administration upon presentation of insurance cover for potential Bunker oil spill.

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