



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Bahamas information bulletin reg. International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1992.

- Bahamas Maritime Authority has issued an information bulletin no. 164 (copy attached) providing guidance on implementation of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1992.
- Salient points of the bulletin are as follows:
 1. The Convention applies to all seagoing vessels actually carrying oil in bulk as cargo, but only ships carrying more than 2000 tons of oil are required to maintain insurance in respect of oil pollution damage. However, the administration requires offshore crafts also such as FDPSOs, FPSOs, FSOs and FSUs to maintain insurance or other financial security unless the owner provides Statement Letter confirming from vessel's Classification Society that vessel does not possess;
 - its own motive power & steering equipment for seagoing voyage,
 - element of the carriage of oil and undertaking a voyage and;
 - Seafarers onboard so as to employed either as storage units or carriage of oil in bulk as cargo.
 2. Administration will issue appropriate Certificate of Insurance to Bahamas registered vessels as well as to vessels registered in States which are not party to the convention.
 3. Bahamas registered vessels need only supply proof of liability cover, together with the requisite fee, in order to initiate the process of certification by Administration.
 4. For vessels which are registered with non-State parties, a Transcript of Register, issued no later than five (5) days prior to submitting an application form (R 213) to Bahamas Administration is required in addition to the proof of liability cover and requisite fee. The electronic copy of application form may be forwarded to the Administration at reg@bahamasmaritime.com followed by the original.
 5. Upon receipt of proof of insurance or financial security from the vessel's P & I club or other appropriate financial guarantor, the Administration will issue a certificate for a maximum insurance period of 12 months to confirm each vessel is in compliance with the convention.



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6. Any change in issued certificate will invalidate the certificate. Owners are advised to inform the Administration immediately if there are any changes to the issued certificate.

- Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to be guided by above

Enclosure:

1. Bahamas Information Bulletin no. 164 reg. CLC convention.

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