



NAURU

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE 2001 (BUNKER CONVENTION) (NMA_C18.2019.Rev.1)

PURPOSE:

To provide guidance on the application of financial security in accordance to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 (BUNKER).

CONTENTS:

BUNKER makes it compulsory for ships above 1000 gross tonnage, flying the flag of a State Party or calling the port(s) of a State Party, to maintain insurance or other financial security, such as the guarantee of a bank or similar financial institution, to cover the liability of the registered owner for pollution damage in an amount equal to the limits of liability under the applicable national or international limitation regime, but in all cases, not exceeding an amount calculated in accordance with the Convention on Limitation of Liability on Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended.

Ships that call at ports of State Parties are specifically required to produce the Bunker Convention Certificate (BCC) issued by a State Party to attest that they have obtained adequate insurance coverage in accordance to BUNKER.

BUNKER 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 ship's bunkers. The Convention applies to damage caused on the territory, including the territorial sea, and in Exclusive Economic Zones of States Parties.

Nauru has acceded to BUNKER and has entered into force for Nauru on 23 June 2020.

APPLICATION:

- 1) Submit copy of Blue Card (by email to: flag@naurumaritime.com) issued by the vessel's insurer (normally a P&I Club) attesting that the owner/ bareboat charterer of the vessel is maintaining insurance or other financial security in respect of the vessel in an amount that will cover the limits of liability prescribed in the Bunker Convention.
- 2) Copy of the vessel's Certificate of Registry (only for vessels that are NOT flagged under Nauru but would like to apply for BCC from Nauru as their flag State is not a party to the Bunker Convention)
- 3) Blue Cards should be addressed to:
NAURU MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
Unit C, 20/F, Eton Building,
288 Des Voeux Road Central,
Sheung Wan, Hong Kong

- 4) Insurer contact details should be made available on the Blue Card for verification purposes.
- 5) The Administration accepts Blue Cards issued by P&I Clubs listed in shipping circular NMA_C15.

For further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Administration at:
flag@aurumaritime.com.