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To,
OWNERS/MANAGERS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS (DCS),
COMPANY SECURITY OFFICERS (CSOS), MASTERS, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (ROS)

SUBJET: **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE OF 2001 (BUNKERS CONVENTION)**

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Circular is to inform all parties concerned that this Administration has ratified the International Convention of Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage of 2001 (Bunkers Convention) and starting on 28 May 2018 will be able to issue Bunker Convention Certificates (BCCs).

2. Application

- 2.1. All registered vessels under this Administration of 1000 GT and over are required to maintain insurance or other financial security to cover liability under the Convention and therefore a Certificate – BCC – attesting that the requirements of this Convention have been complied with is mandatory.

3. General

- 3.1. Compulsory Certification for insurance purposes liability, shall not transcend the limits calculated in accordance with the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1976 (LLMC 1976), as amended by the 1996 Protocol, as it is provided for by this Convention.
- 3.2. Vessels registered in a Non-Member State of the Convention operating in countries that are Parties should obtain a certificate from a Member State; this Administration is able to issue BCCs to owners of vessels registered in Non-Member States of this Convention.
- 3.3. BCCs must be carried on board the ship at all times.
- 3.4. BCCs issued by another Member State of this Convention to Comorian Flagged vessels, prior to our accession to the Convention, shall remain valid until their expiry date.



4. Procedure for BCC Application

- 4.1. Each application for BCC should be submitted by the Owner or Managing Company to any DC or this Administration's Head Office.
- 4.2. Each application for BCC should be accompanied by clear scanned copies of the following documentation:
 - 4.2.1. Application Form, duly completed;
 - 4.2.2. Valid Certificate of Registry;
 - 4.2.3. Valid Blue Card issued by a recognized P&I Insurance Company¹ addressed to this Administration²;
 - 4.2.3.1. P&I Insurance Companies not recognized by this Administration may officially apply for their recognition via e-mail.
 - 4.2.4. Confirmation of payment/acceptance of quote.
- 4.3. BCCs are issued by the Maritime Administration of Comoros within 48 hours after completed applications are submitted

5. Contact

Should you require any additional information, you may contact our Technical Department as provided below:

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We take this opportunity to reassure that human life, marine environment and property are always considered as a priority for the Maritime Administration of Comoros which is committed to the safety of the maritime industry and the users around the world.



¹ For the list of approved P&I Insurance Companies by this Administration visit:
www.comorosmaritime.org

² National Agency of Maritime Affairs (ANAM), The Government of Union of Comoros, Same Building of The Ministry of Transport, BP 97, Moroni – Comoros