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**To the Members of  
Assuranceforeningen Gard - gjensidig**

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Entry into force of the Bunker Convention – State Certification**

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Members are referred to the previous Club circulars that have been issued on the entry into force of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage 2001 (the “Bunker Convention”) and the State certification requirements contained therein.

The previous circular informed Members that the United Kingdom (UK), Liberia and Cyprus, as States Parties to the Bunker Convention, have agreed to issue State certificates to ships registered in non-States Parties irrespective of whether they are calling at a port in their territory or arriving at or leaving an offshore facility in their territorial waters after the entry into force date on 21 November 2008. Cyprus will not however issue certificates to ships flying the flag of a State that appears in the Black List of the Paris MOU according to the Annual Report of the Paris MOU for the year preceding the date of the request.

A small number of other administrations have since agreed to issue certificates to ships registered in non-States Parties as well, namely the Cook Islands, Bahamas, Sierra Leone and the Isle of Man. The relevant contact details for Bunker Convention State certificates in each of these administrations are as follows:

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A full list of the contact details for certificates in the UK, Liberia, Cyprus, Cook Islands, Bahamas, Sierra Leone and the Isle of Man is contained in Annex 1 to this circular.

It should be noted that the UK has to date only extended UK ratification of the Bunker Convention to the Isle of Man and not to any of the other UK Overseas Territories/Crown Dependencies. Ships registered in one of the Red Ensign Group of registries other than the Isle of Man can in the meantime obtain their certificates from the UK.

The Cook Islands has also entered into an arrangement with the Panamanian Maritime Authority (PMA) to issue certificates for Panamanian registered vessels pending Panama's ratification of the Bunker Convention. Members with Panamanian registered vessels who wish to obtain their certificates from the Cook Islands should refer to the PMA [Merchant Marine Circular No. 180](#):

<http://www.segumar.com/HTML%20Merchant%20Marine%20Circulars/180c.pdf>

The position with regard to States Parties to the Convention and those that are willing to issue certificates to ships registered in non-States Parties is continuously changing. A number of other States are also in the process of working towards ratification of or accession to the Bunker Convention prior to the entry into force date on 21 November 2008 and may decide to issue their own State certificates from the date of their ratification or accession.

However, Members should be aware that the Convention shall only enter into force in a State three months after the date of that State's ratification or accession. There is a risk that other States Parties may deem certificates issued by a State Party to be valid only after three

months has elapsed since the issuing State's ratification of or accession to the Convention. Ships in possession of a certificate issued by a State Party prior to the date on which the three months has elapsed should therefore be aware that they risk being detained or fined if they enter the port of another State Party after the entry into force date of the Convention on 21 November 2008 and are not in possession of a valid certificate. Club cover may be prejudiced in the event of such a detention or fines.

This risk does not apply to ships in possession of a certificate issued by any of the States Parties mentioned in this or previous circulars since they have all ratified or acceded to the Convention three months prior to the entry into force date.

Contact details of all the administrations of States Parties to the Convention are provided in Annex 2.

All Clubs in the International Group of P&I Clubs have issued similar circulars.

**States Parties to the Convention**  
**(as at 30 September 2008)**

Bahamas, Bulgaria, Cook Islands, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Jamaica, Latvia, Lithuania, Liberia, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Norway, Poland, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Tonga, the United Kingdom<sup>1</sup> and Vanuatu.

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