

# Palau International Ship Registry



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## MARINE NOTICE 238.2

**To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, and REGISTRATION OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS.**

**Subject: CIVIL LIABILITY (CLC) 1992 FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE**

### 1. Purpose

1.3 The purpose of this notice is to provide information on the requirements and procedures to obtain the Civil Liability Certificate (CLC).

### 2. Reference

2.3 The CLC Convention was adopted to ensure that adequate, prompt and effective compensation is available to persons who suffer pollution damage. The Convention – Article VII - requires the registered owners of ships covered by it to maintain insurance or other financial security to cover their liability for pollution damage.

### 3. Applicability

3.3 The Convention applies to all seagoing vessels actually carrying oil in bulk as cargo, but only ships carrying more than 2,000 tons of oil are required to maintain insurance in respect of oil pollution damage.

3.4 The Convention does not apply to warships, naval auxiliary or other ships owned or operated by the State and used for the time being, only on Governmental non-commercial service.

### 4. Requirements

4.3 The registered owner of a vessel under the Republic of Palau is required 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 an applicable National or International limitation regime, but in all cases, not exceeding an amount calculated in accordance with the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended.

4.4 The Republic of Palau will issue a CLC as evidence that such insurance is in place and evidence has been provided accordingly.

### 5. Procedures for obtaining Civil Liability Certificate (CLC)

5.1 Owner or Owner's representative should forward to the Palau International Ship Registry the following documents in order to obtain Civil Liability Certificate (CLC):



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5.1.1 [A.003 – Application For Issuance Of Convention Certificates](#)

5.1.2 Blue Card issued from Approved P&I Company<sup>1</sup> and addressed to one of the below Head Offices of Palau International Ship Registry:

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5.1.3 Valid Certificate of Registry (*not required for vessels already registered under the Palau Ship Registry Administration*).

5.1.4 Confirmation of payment /acceptance of quote.

5.2 Upon the receipt of the above, the Palau International Ship Registry will issue the Civil Liability Certificate which will remain valid for the duration of the Blue Card. All the information can be sent directly in electronic format.

5.3 The time bar for the issuance of the CLC Certificate is one business day since all the requirements listed in section 5.1 are duly fulfilled and submitted to this Maritime Administration or to an Official who is Authorized to act for and on behalf of the Maritime Administrator.

5.4 The Palau International Ship Registry can issue CLC Certificate to vessels that are not registered under a State Member of the Convention. As mentioned in section 5.1.3., a valid Certificate of Registry is an additional requirement in this case.

5.5 The CLC Certificate shall contain the following particulars:

- .1. Name of ship,
- .2. IMO ship identification number,
- .3. Distinctive number or letters,
- .4. Port of registry,
- .5. Name and principal place of business of the registered owner,
- .6. Type of security,
- .7. Duration of security, not longer than the period of validity of the insurance or other security,
- .8. Name and principal place of business of insurer or other person giving security and,
- .9. Refers to a unique Authorization Number for the said CLC Certificate.

<sup>1</sup> List of Approved P&I Clubs is available at the [Palau Ship Registry administrator website](#).



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- 5.6 The CLC Certificate must be issued to each vessel at the Initial Registration or shortly thereafter providing the required security. The registered owner must renew the Certification annually by the date of the expiration of the Blue Card validity.
- 5.7 The CLC Certificate must be carried on board the ship at all times as per the Convention's provisions. The Palau Maritime Administration will not permit a ship under the Republic's Flag to which the CLC Convention applies, to operate at any time, unless a Certificate has been issued to this effect.
6. Approved P&I Clubs
- 6.1 Blue Card provided from a P&I Club which is a member of the International Group of P&I Clubs, is assumed accepted and the insurance is deemed sufficient.
- 6.2 Blue Card provided from a P&I Club, which is not a member of the International Group of P&I Clubs or is not included in the list of Approved P&I Clubs as stated in website <https://www.palaureg.com/information-centre/approved-suppliers/pi-clubs/>, will be subject to review and approval by this Maritime Administration. A written Application for Verification and Accreditation must be submitted to the Flag Administration.
7. Contacts and Additional Information:
- 7.1 To request additional information or to submit a request for Application, or to provide information for Verification and Accreditation of a P&I Club which is not member of the International Group of P&I Clubs, please contact the Palau International Ship Registry Head Office.

**\*\*This Marine Notice supersedes  
Marine Notice 238.1\*\***

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