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▶ **Entry into force of the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks (NWRC) – update on issuance of Blue Cards**

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To all Members,

The Circular published on 21st January 2015 provided Members with guidance on the application process in respect of the issuance of Blue Cards for the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 (“the Convention”).

We are pleased to confirm that our online Blue Card application functionality is now available for users to secure Blue Cards to accompany their Nairobi Wreck Removal Certificate application. To apply for the Nairobi Wreck Removal Blue Card, please go to the Club’s website www.shipownersclub.com and access via the Bunker/NWRC Blue Cards & EU Directive Certificates area. You will need your Member Reference and Vessel Risk Reference from your Policy documentation to start the application process. Select Trading Certificate ‘NWRC’ and ‘Apply for a Certificate’ and complete the required mandatory fields, which should mirror the details on the vessel’s Certificate of Insurance. You will need to include the start date of the risk you are applying for, which cannot be earlier than the 14th April 2015, the date the convention takes effect. The NWRC will be issued with effect from either 14/4/2015 or the start date of the entry until the end of the policy period. Please note there must be a current bound policy and vessels must be 300 GT or above.

As previously advised, the Club will issue Blue Cards on condition that the Member agrees that where any payment by the Association under the certificate is in respect of war risks, the Member shall indemnify the Association to the extent that such payment is recoverable under the Member’s P&I War Risks policy or would have been recoverable if the Member had maintained and complied with the terms and conditions of a standard P&I War Risks insurance policy, and that there shall be assigned to the Association all the rights of the Member under such insurance and against any third party. By requesting a Blue Card the Member will be deemed to have agreed these conditions.

It is therefore necessary that all Members requesting Blue Cards ensure that they have in place P&I War Risks cover on standard terms with a separate limit for P&I liabilities. Members should also contact their primary war risks underwriters to notify them of the assignment of rights/recovery under the policy. This is however not required if your cover is provided by the Club under one of its unique plain language products, which include Primary War P&I cover from the ground up.

We trust this advises.

Yours faithfully,

Britt Pickering
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