



International Group of P&I Clubs

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The International Group

- Comprises 13 mutual marine insurance associations (“Clubs”)
- Insure and pool third party liabilities relating to the use and operation of ships
 - ***Including pollution damage liabilities***
- Cover over 90% of world ocean-going tonnage
- Cover over 95% of ocean-going tankers



P&I Pollution Rule:

Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association (Bermuda) Ltd:

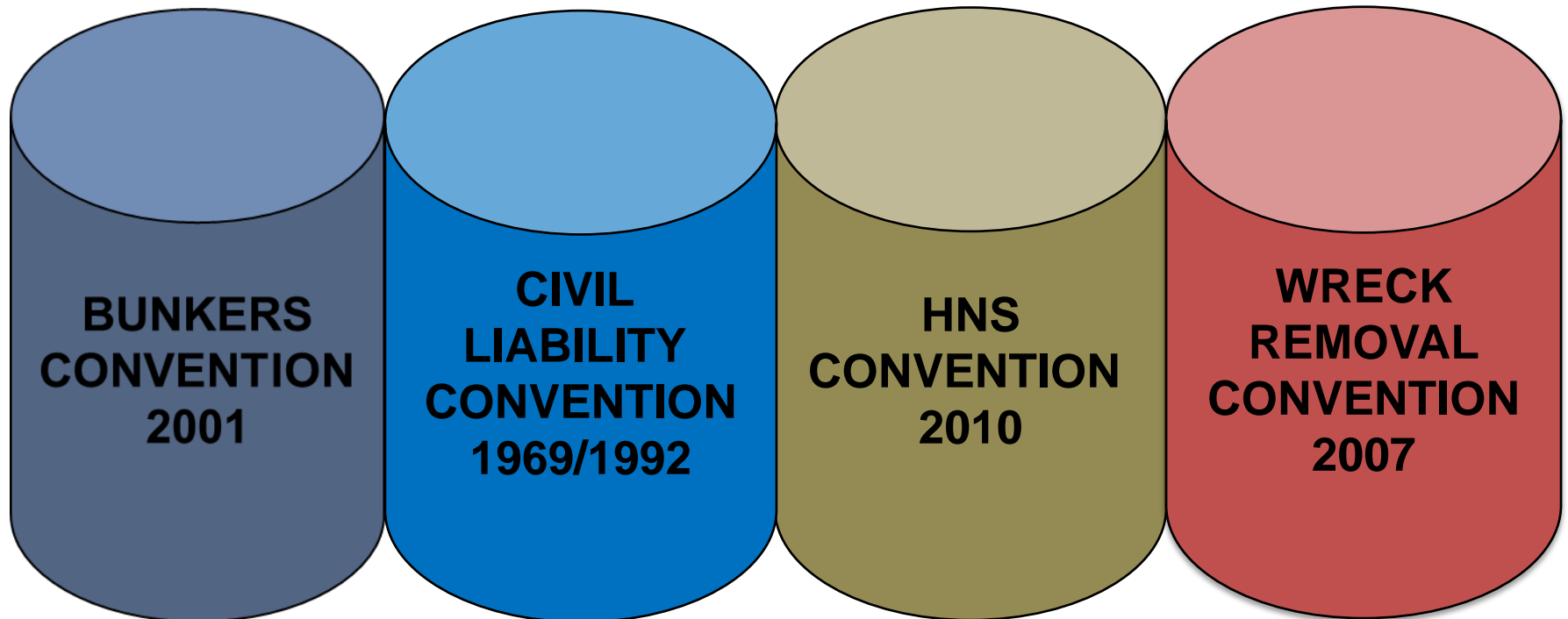
Rule 25 vi.

Liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses caused by or consequent on the escape or discharge or threatened escape or discharge of oil or any other substance from the entered ship as follows:

- Actual escape of pollutants, clean up costs, prevention costs, costs pursuant to Government directions.....*



Importance of the IG Clubs in the (IMO) international system:



2010 HNS Convention – Financial Guarantees (*blue cards*):

- Group Clubs are the main providers of financial guarantees – “Blue Cards”;
- Enable shipowners to obtain certificates issued by State Parties;
- CLC '92 – approx. 7,000 blue cards issued by IG Clubs each year;
- Bunkers Convention – approx. 40,000 blue cards issued by IG Clubs each year;
- WRC – all vessels > 300gt – significant number to be issued;
- HNSC – all vessels – significant number to be issued.



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Policy decision to be made by the Boards/Committees of the individual International Group Clubs in the run up to entry into force of the Convention:

Whether to issue the blue cards under the HNS Convention to allow owners to obtain their Convention State certificates

Example of Bunkers Blue Card:

To: [Address of issuing State party]

CERTIFICATE FURNISHED AS EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001

Name of Ship:

IMO Ship Identification Number:

Distinctive Number or Letters:

Port of Registry:

Name and full address of the principal place of business of the Registered Owner:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that there is in force in respect of the above-named ship while in the above ownership a policy of insurance satisfying the requirements of Article 7 of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001.

Period of Insurance: from Noon GMT 20 February [Year] to Noon GMT 20 February [Year]

Provided always that the insurer may cancel this Certificate by giving three months written notice to the above Authority whereupon the liability of the insurer hereunder shall cease as from the date of expiry of the said period of notice but only as regards incidents arising thereafter.

Date:

This certificate has been issued for and on behalf of the insurer:

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HNS Convention and HNS Fund

IG Claims data (Jan 2002 – Jan 2010) to the 2010 diplomatic conference:

- 192 HNS incidents reported;
- 189 of these within s/owner's limit under the Convention;
- 2 out of the remaining 3 incidents in States that are unlikely to accede;
- Financial distribution of costs from all 192 HNS incidents:
 - 152.8 million SDR met by the s/owners and their insurers
 - 29.9 million SDR met by the Fund



HNS Convention claims assessment and payment process:

- Follow the same procedure as the CLC/IOPC Fund regime;
- Convention procedure of payment into court to establish limitation fund;
- Normal procedure of funding of interim payments;
- Funding of interim payments discussions in the IOPC Fund between the IG & the Fund Director;
- Nissos Amorgos case and effect of Fund decision not to reimburse the Gard Club, and
- Ramifications for the HNS Convention of any decision to wind up the 1971 Fund by the end of 2014



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