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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL
POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001**

Accession by Sierra Leone

Entry into force

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001, and to state that, with the deposit of an instrument of accession by the Republic of Sierra Leone, on 21 November 2007, the requirements for the entry into force of the Convention, as set out in article 14, were fulfilled:

Article 14 of the Convention provides as follows:

- “(1) This Convention shall enter into force one year following the date on which eighteen States, including five States each with ships whose combined gross tonnage is not less than 1 million, have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval or have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General.”

Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of article 14, the Convention will enter into force on 21 November 2008, i.e. one year following the date on which the requirements for entry into force were met.

A list of the eighteen Contracting States to the Convention, showing their approximate individual gross tonnages, which combine to form approximately 15.86% of the world's merchant shipping, appears overleaf.

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Done at London on 23 March 2001

Contracting States

	Tonnage	Date of signature or deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Bulgaria (accession)	875,474	6 July 2007	21 November 2008
Croatia (accession)	1,157,196	15 December 2006	21 November 2008
Cyprus (accession)	19,032,189	10 January 2005	21 November 2008
Estonia (accession)	416,666	5 October 2006	21 November 2008
Germany (ratification)	11,364,346	24 April 2007	21 November 2008
Greece (accession)	32,048,052	22 December 2005	21 November 2008
Jamaica (accession)	120,953	2 May 2003	21 November 2008
Latvia (accession)	333,275	19 April 2005	21 November 2008
Lithuania (accession)	448,646	14 September 2007	21 November 2008
Luxembourg (accession)	779,871	21 November 2005	21 November 2008
Poland (accession)	193,445	15 December 2006	21 November 2008
Samoa (accession)	10,465	18 May 2004	21 November 2008
Sierra Leone (accession)	293,872	21 November 2007	21 November 2008
Singapore (accession)	32,173,922	31 March 2006	21 November 2008
Slovenia (accession)	1,626	20 May 2004	21 November 2008
Spain (ratification) ¹	3,004,626	10 December 2003	21 November 2008
Tonga (accession)	79,049	18 September 2003	21 November 2008
United Kingdom (ratification)	33,455,782	29 June 2006	21 November 2008