

Shipping Consultative Committee

**Proposed Application Fee for an Insurance Certificate
under the Bunker Oil Pollution (Liability and Compensation) Bill**

1. Introduction

1.1 The Government is currently preparing the submission of the subject Bill to the Legislative Council by the end of this month to give effect to the Bunkers Convention. To be empowered by the Bill, a subsidiary legislation will be made to prescribe the fee to be paid on application to the Director of Marine (the “Director”) for an insurance certificate to be issued. Consultation is hereby required on the level of the application fee to be prescribed.

2. The Proposed Application Fee

2.1 The nature of issuing an insurance certificate under the Bunkers Convention is similar to the issuance of an insurance certificate (i.e. the CLC certificate) under the Merchant Shipping (Liability and Compensation for Oil Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 414). Under Cap.414A, the application fee is **HK\$535** (Annex 1) and this amount of fee is therefore proposed to be prescribed as the application fee for the issuance of an insurance certificate under the subject Bill to meet the Government’s full-cost recovery principle.

3. Action Requested

3.1 SCC members' support is sought on the above proposal.

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Encl. Annex 1 – fees for certificates under Cap.414A.