



Subject: “Accession by Guinea-Bissau to IMO International Conventions – IMO Data Base Update: Ratifications Recently Received”

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1. Further to the G-B I.S.R. Info Bulletin in reference, which reported on the issuance by the IMO Secretariat of fourteen (14) Circular Letters referring to various International Conventions to which the Republic of Guinea-Bissau has acceded, the IMO official website data base “Ratifications Recently Received”, has been also updated reflecting the relevant IMO International Conventions where recently the Republic of Guinea-Bissau has acceded together with the effective date entering into force (<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwwwcdn.imo.org%2Flocalresources%2Fen%2FAbout%2FConventions%2FStatusOfConventions%2FRatifications%2520recently%2520received.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>) .

2. In particular the dedicated **IMO Database “Ratifications Recently Received”** includes the following new entries for the ratification of IMO Instruments by the Republic of Guinea-Bissau:

- a. Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (effective date:12/8/2022).
- b. Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (effective date:12/8/2022).
- c. International Convention on Load Lines,1966 (effective date:12/8/2022).
- d. Protocol 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (effective date:12/8/2022).
- e. International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships,1969 (effective date:12/8/2022).
- f. Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (effective date:12/5/2022).
- g. Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic,1965, as amended, (effective date:11/7/2022).
- h. Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships,1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (effective date:12/8/2022).
- i. Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969 (effective date:12/5/2023)
- j. Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971 (effective date:12/5/2023)
- k. International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage,2001 (effective date:12/8/2022)



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- I. International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (effective date: 12/8/2022).
 - m. International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (effective date: 12/8/2022).
 - n. Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 (effective date: 12/8/2022).
3. With the above indicated Instruments of Accession the Republic of Guinea-Bissau ratified major IMO International Conventions and Protocols, comprising in total twenty-four (24) International Instruments and hence ensuring the ability of the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry to fully cope with the updated certification requirements of the IMO International Conventions in force.

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