



Marine Notice Nr. 06/ 2025, 03/10/2025

Subject: “Updated List of Recognized by G-B I.S.R. Protection and Indemnity Clubs (P&I Clubs) and Insurers Authorized to Issue Blue Cards under International Conventions”

Ref. : (a) “Code of Operation of the International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau”,
(b) IMO Circular Letter No. 3464, July 2, 2014
(c) G-B I.S.R. Marine Circular 02/2022 (Rev. 04).

To: Shipowners, Managers, Operators, Masters, Recognized Organizations, Insurers, and Other Stakeholders

Summary: The Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry (G-B ISR) hereby issues this Marine Notice to provide an updated list of Recognized Protection and Indemnity Clubs (P&I Clubs) and Insurers authorized to issue Blue Cards or financial security certificates for vessels registered under the G-B ISR, in accordance with the 1992 Civil Liability Convention, the 2001 Bunkers Convention, the 2007 Nairobi WRC and Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006). The criteria for recognition are based on the IMO Guidelines contained in Circular Letter No. 3464 (2 July 2014) and further clarified in Marine Circular 02/2022, ensuring that only financially sound, duly authorized, and properly reinsured insurers are accepted. Shipowners, managers, and Recognized Organizations are reminded that only insurers listed in the annex to this Notice are permitted for the issuance of Convention Certificates under the G-B ISR.

1. Purpose

1.1 This Marine Notice serves to update and consolidate the official list of Recognized Protection and Indemnity Clubs (P&I Clubs) and Insurers authorized by the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry (G-B ISR) for the issuance of financial security documentation, including Blue Cards, in accordance with the requirements of the applicable international conventions.

1.2 This Notice supersedes previous listings and is issued in continuation of Marine Circular 02/2022, providing clarification and alignment with the Guidelines adopted by the IMO Legal Committee under IMO Circular Letter No. 3464 (2 July 2014) and G-B I.S.R. internal guidelines.

2. Applicable Conventions

2.1 The recognized P&I Clubs and Insurers listed herein are authorized to issue financial security documentation required, among others, under the following conventions (the “relevant conventions”):

- a. 1992 Civil Liability Convention (CLC), as amended;
- b. 2001 Bunker Oil Pollution Damage Convention (Bunkers Convention);
- c. 2007 Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks (WRC); and

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d. Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006).

3. Recognition Criteria

3.1 In line with **IMO Circular Letter No. 3464**, the G-B ISR recognizes P&I Clubs and insurers that satisfy, among others, the following criteria:

- a. Membership in the International Group of P&I Clubs, with the ability to verify Blue Cards directly via the Club's official website, or
- b. For insurers outside the International Group, the provision of adequate evidence, including but not limited to:
 - Financial standing and solvency, demonstrated through audited financial statements for the past three years;
 - Regulatory approval to conduct insurance business in their jurisdiction of incorporation;
 - Reinsurance arrangements are adequate to cover liabilities under the relevant conventions.
 - Corporate guarantee ensuring full coverage up to applicable liability limits under the conventions;
 - Confirmation that liabilities arising from acts of terrorism are covered; and
 - Internationally recognized credit rating for the insurer and/or its reinsurers.

4. Updated List of Recognized P&I Clubs and Insurers

4.1 The **updated list of Recognized P&I Clubs and Insurers** is annexed to this Notice. This list reflects both:

- a. Clubs of the International Group of P&I Associations, and
- b. Other insurers recognized by the G-B ISR in accordance with the above criteria and as referenced in Marine Circular 02/2022.

4.2 Only entities appearing in the updated list are authorized to issue Blue Cards for vessels registered under the G-B ISR, as per the date of issuance of this Marine Notice.

5. Implementation

5.1 Shipowners, managers, and operators are instructed to ensure that their vessels registered under the G-B ISR are covered only by insurers listed in the annex to this Notice.

5.2 Recognized Organizations acting on behalf of the G-B ISR shall verify that Blue Cards submitted for certification are issued exclusively by recognized P&I Clubs and insurers as per this Notice.

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5.3 Any Blue Cards or certificates issued by non-recognized entities will not be accepted for the issuance of Convention Certificates by the G-B ISR, unless a formal recognition procedure has been initiated and successfully concluded.

6. Entry into Force

6.1 This Marine Notice enters into force as of the date of issuance and remains effective until superseded.

For the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry

Authorized Signatory:

Office of the General Ships Registrar



Annex:

Updated List of Recognized P&I Clubs and Insurers (as of 03/10/2025)