

**Commonwealth of Dominica****Office of the Maritime Administrator**

- TO:** ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS
- SUBJECT:** International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificates (IOPP)
- REFERENCE:** (a) Dominica International Maritime Act 2000  
(b) MARPOL 73/78, Annex I, Regulations 4 and 5
- PURPOSE:** This Circular serves to identify those vessels under Dominica International Registry that are required to have an IOPP Certificate on board
- APPLICABILITY:** This Circular applies to Owners and Operators of all vessels under the Dominica Maritime Registry, including some Mobile Offshore Drilling Units

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1.0** An International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (IOPP) shall be issued after survey in accordance with the provision of reference (b), to any oil tanker of 150 gross tonnage and above and any other ships of 400 tons gross tonnage and above *which are engaged in voyages to ports or offshore terminals under the jurisdiction of other Parties to the Convention* (emphasis added).
- 2.0** IOPP Certificates shall be issued either by the national Administration or by any Recognized Organizations duly authorized by it. No IOPP Certificate shall be issued to a ship that flies the flag of a State that is not a Party to MARPOL.
- 3.0** The Administration may request a Government of a Party to the Convention to cause a ship to be surveyed and, if satisfied, issue or authorize the issue of an IOPP Certificate. A copy of the certificate and a copy of the survey report shall be transmitted as soon as possible to the Deputy Maritime Administrator. A certificate so issued shall contain a statement to the effect that it has been issued at the request of the Dominica administration and it shall have the same force and effect.

- 4.0** IOPP Certificates generally shall be issued for a period not to exceed 5 years from the date of issue unless significant alterations have taken place in the construction, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangements or material required without the sanction of the Administration except the direct replacement of such equipment or fittings.
- 5.0** The IOPP Certificate issued to a ship ceases to be valid upon transfer of the ship to the flag of another State.

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