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

Accession by Antigua and Barbuda and Ireland

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, in accordance with article 12, accession by the following States was effected by the deposit of instruments on the dates indicated:

	Date of deposit of instrument
Antigua and Barbuda	19 December 2008
The Republic of Ireland	23 December 2008

The instrument of accession by Ireland was accompanied by the following declaration:

“Judgments on matters covered by the Convention shall, when given by a court of another Member State of the European Community other than Denmark, be recognised and enforced in Ireland according to the relevant internal Community rules on the subject.”

The Convention will enter into force for Antigua and Barbuda on 19 March 2009 and for Ireland on 23 March 2009, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, thirty-three Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 51.26% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.