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

**Ratification by Norway**

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, ratification by the Kingdom of Norway was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 26 March 2008.

The instrument of ratification contained the following declaration:

“In accordance with article 4, paragraph 3 of the Convention, Norway will apply the Convention to warships, naval auxiliary ships or other ships owned or operated by the Norwegian State and used, for the time being, only on Government non-commercial service. The rules of the Convention will apply generally to such ships.

For such ships owned by the Norwegian State, it follows by Section 186, third paragraph of the Norwegian Maritime Act of June 24, 1994, No. 39, that if insurance or other financial security is not maintained in respect of such a ship, the ship may instead carry a certificate issued by the appropriate authority of the State, stating that the ship is owned by the State and that the ship’s liability is covered within the limit prescribed in accordance with article 7, paragraph 1.”

The Convention will enter into force for Norway on 21 November 2008, in accordance with the provisions of article 14.

There are, at present, twenty-one Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 24.04% of the world’s merchant shipping.