

Nairobi International Convention on The Removal of Wrecks, 2007

Owners and operators will be aware that the Wreck Convention enters into force on 14th April 2015, following the requisite number of ratifications from IMO Member States. Barbados Government is actively considering ratification.

Until the Convention has been ratified by Barbados Government, Barbados Maritime Administration is not permitted to issue Convention certification. Barbados flagged ships and other ships in Barbadian waters are not therefore required to carry certification under any Barbados law.

However, Barbados flagged ships which trade in or enter the waters of any State that has ratified the Convention will need to be able to show evidence of the necessary insurance cover required under the Convention.

Some Companies are already planning to obtain certification to ensure their ships and trading are unlikely to be troubled by Port State inspections.

Certain States that have already ratified the Convention have indicated they may issue certificate to ships of other States that have not yet ratified the Convention.

We strongly recommend that Companies make an approach to States such as the United Kingdom as early as possible as there will be heavy demand for this service.

Procedures for obtaining certification are available in UK Marine Information Notice MIN 499, which you may see at the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/393675/MIN_499.pdf

BMSR will advise of any updates on the ratification process or any changes to the procedures for certification. Please contact us if you have any further questions.