



**Compulsory Insurance Requirements
for Non-Tankers Entering Japanese Ports**

Merchant Shipping Notice No 64

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,
Owners' representatives and Masters, and Officers*

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to remind all concerned that in 2004 the Government of Japan amended the Law on Liability for Oil Pollution Damage of 1975 and introduced new rules whereby all ocean-going vessels entering a Japanese port (with the exception of warships or Government ships operated for non-commercial purposes) are required to be properly insured.

As from the 1 March 2005, all ocean-going non-tanker vessels of 100 gross tonnage and over calling at any Japanese port are required to:

- have a Protection and Indemnity Insurance cover for the amount required by the Law
- carry the relevant certificate of insurance on board
- report the status of insurance to a relevant District Transport Bureau before entering the port.

As from 1 March 2005, vessels that do not have P&I Insurance cover will be denied entry into Japanese ports and violation of the regulations may lead to the master and owners of the ship being detained and penalised by the Japanese authorities.

Further information may be obtained from:

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