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**NEWS**

**Mandatory P&I Coverage for all Vessels Calling at Iranian Ports**

In our June 2004 Newsletter No.22 we reported that the port authority at Bandar Abbas had issued regulations requiring all steel hulled vessels over 150GT entering Iranian waters to hold a Certificate of Entry from a P&I Club.

We have since been advised by our local correspondents, Sea Pars Shipping Services Ltd, that the Bandar Imam Khomeini port authority has issued a circular 1400/5495 on 3 July 2004 stating that all tankers entering that port will now be required to submit a copy of their P&I Certificate of Entry along with their Arrival Notice. Failure to do so will result in permission being refused for the vessels call at the port.

It is not clear to what extent, if any, this later circular supersedes the regulations issued by the Bandar Abbas port authority.

Members are advised for the time being to ensure that steel hulled vessels, including tankers, have a Certificate of Entry on board ready to present to an Iranian port authority when the vessel enters Iranian waters.

Our correspondents have indicated that other Iranian ports are likely to follow suit. The Managers will keep Members informed.

Yours faithfully

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