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Order no. 1372 of 25/11/2025

issued by the Danish Maritime Authority

Order on insurance certificates as proof of coverage of maritime claims¹⁾

Pursuant to Section 153(5) and Section 514 of the Danish Maritime Act, cf. Consolidation Act no. 776 of 18 June 2025 stipulates:

Section 1. This Order applies to Danish ships with a gross tonnage of 300 or more, as well as to foreign ships with a gross tonnage of 300 or more, that call at or depart from a Danish port or other loading and unloading site in Denmark or on the Danish continental shelf, or perform tasks in Danish territorial waters.

Section 2. For the purposes of this Order:

- 1) A P&I insurance (Protection & Indemnity, P&I), offered by a member of the International Group of P&I Clubs,
- 2) A liability insurance with equivalent coverage of maritime claims,
- 3) A documented self-insurance with equivalent security for the coverage of maritime claims,
- 4) A bank guarantee with equivalent coverage of maritime claims or
- 5) Another form of financial security with equivalent coverage of maritime claims.

Subsection 2. The insurance mentioned in Subsection 1 may be with or without an excess.

Subsection 3. The insurance must, cf. Section 153(4) of the Danish Maritime Act, provide the possibility to obtain compensation within the liability limits set out in Section 175 of the Danish Maritime Act (LLMC 1996). This applies even if the country where the ship is registered has not acceded to the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims (LLMC 1996).

Section 3. To confirm that the insurance mentioned in Section 153 of the Danish Maritime Act is in place, the ship must have a certificate on board containing the following information:

- 1) Name of the ship,
- 2) IMO ship identification number,
- 3) The ship's port of registry.
- 4) Name of the shipping company or the registered owner, if this is not the shipping company, and principal place of business (port of registry),
- 5) Name of the insurance company and principal place of business (port of registry) and, if relevant, the place where the insurance is taken out,
- 6) The type of insurance taken out and

7) The validity period of the insurance.

Subsection 2. The certificate must be issued in English, French, or Spanish. If the certificate is issued in another language, the text must include a translation into English, French, or Spanish.

Section 4. A Certificate of Entry that meets the requirements in Section 3 and indicates that the ship's P&I insurance is issued by a member of the International Group of P&I Clubs is recognised as a certificate in the sense of Section 153 of the Danish Maritime Act.

Section 5. The shipping company of a ship sailing under the Danish flag, including ships that are bareboat registered in Denmark, must notify the Danish Maritime Authority of the insurance taken out if the ship cannot present the certificate mentioned in Section 4. If the ship can present the certificate mentioned in Section 4, the shipping company need not notify the Danish Maritime Authority.

Subsection 2. Notification of the insurance taken out, cf. Subsection 1, must be given to the Danish Maritime Authority once every calendar year.

Subsection 3. For ships that cannot present the certificate mentioned in Section 4, the Danish Maritime Authority may, in exceptional cases, require documentation that the insurer, cf. Section 2 is authorised to conduct such business in the country where the insurer has its port of registry, and it is documented that the insurer is solvent and can fulfil its obligations to cover maritime claims.

Subsection 4. If there are changes in the insurance that affect the validity of the certificate, the shipping company is required to notify the Danish Maritime Authority immediately after becoming aware of this.

Section 6. Any police, customs authority or port authority which, in the exercise of their official duties, observes a violation of this Order shall immediately report such a violation to the Danish Maritime Authority.

Subsection 2. The Danish Maritime Authority may, upon the ship's arrival, check whether it has the required certificate and may, if there is doubt about the adequacy of a foreign ship's insurance, contact the flag state.

Section 7. Violation of Sections 3 and § 5 is punishable by a fine.

Subsection 2. Criminal liability may be imposed on companies, etc., (legal persons) in accordance with the rules in Chapter 5 of the Danish Criminal Code.

Section 8. This Order entered into force on 1 January 2026.

Subsection 2. Order no. 1259 of 16 December 2011 on insurance certificates as proof of coverage for maritime claims is repealed.

The Danish Maritime Authority, 25 November 2025

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Official notes

EU Notes

¹¹ The Order contains provisions implementing parts of the European Parliament and Council Directive 2009/20/EC of 23 April 2009 on shipping companies' insurance for maritime claims, EU Journal 2009 no. L 131, page 128.