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**PROTOCOL OF 1996 TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION
OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976**

Accession by Singapore

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol of 1996 to amend the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, and to state that, in accordance with article 10(3), accession by the Republic of Singapore was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 30 September 2019.

The instrument of accession by Singapore contained the following reservations and notifications:

"Reservations:

The Republic of Singapore reserves the right, pursuant to article 18, paragraphs 1(a) and (b), of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, to exclude:

- a. the application of article 2, paragraphs 1(d) and (e), of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended by the Protocol;
- b. claims for damage within the meaning of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996 or of any amendment or protocol thereto.

Notifications:

- (i) The Republic of Singapore, pursuant to article 6, paragraph 3, of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976 as amended by the Protocol, notifies that it has provided in its national law that claims in respect of damage to harbour works, basins and waterways and aids to navigation shall have priority over other claims under article 6, paragraph 1(b), of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended by the Protocol.

- (ii) The Republic of Singapore further notifies that:
- a. in accordance with article 15, paragraph 2(a), of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976 as amended by the Protocol, the limit of liability for ships which are licensed as harbour craft, according to the laws of the Republic of Singapore, is regulated by specific provisions of the national law of the Republic of Singapore, namely, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 170A), to the effect that, with respect to such ships, the limit of liability will be the sum insured under the policy of insurance for the time being required by the Port Master under that Act to be in force in relation to such harbour craft in respect of third party risks;
 - b. in accordance with article 15, paragraph 2(b), of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976 as amended by the Protocol, the limit of liability for ships less than 300 tons, other than ships which are licensed as harbour craft according to the laws of the Republic of Singapore, is regulated by specific provisions of the national law of the Republic of Singapore, to the effect that, with respect to such ships, article 6 of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended by the Protocol, shall have effect as if:
 - (A) article 6, paragraph 1(a)(i), referred to 166,667 Units of Account; and
 - (B) article 6, paragraph 1(b)(i), referred to 83,333 Units of Account.
- (iii) The Republic of Singapore may make use of the option provided for in article 15, paragraph 3*bis*, of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended by the Protocol, to regulate by specific provisions of national law the system of limitation of liability to be applied to claims for loss of life or personal injury to passengers of a ship. The Republic of Singapore will inform the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization of the limits of liability upon adoption of specific provisions of such national law."

The Protocol will enter into force for Singapore on 29 December 2019, in accordance with article 11(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 59 Contracting States to the Protocol.
