

Notices to Members

No. 21 2010/2011 - US Vessel Response Plans - Salvage and Marine Firefighting Requirements

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Dear Sirs

US Vessel Response Plans - Salvage and Marine Firefighting Requirements

Final Rule - 31 December 2008

Deadline for implementation - 22 February 2011 - update

Salvage Agreements

This Circular Applies To Owners Of Tank Vessels Carrying Oil Calling At US Ports.

We refer to Circular No. 13 of August 2010 concerning the above, which provided a list of salvor contracts/funding agreements which had been reviewed by the International Group.

On 27 September 2010 the US Coast Guard published Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular ****(NVIC) No. 2-10**** providing guidance for the implementation and enforcement of the requirements under the Final Rule. *This NVIC can be found using the following link and instructions for access: www.uscg.mil/vrp*

- select **“What’s New?”**

- then ****NVIC 2-10****

The NVIC provides a summary of the procedural steps necessary for updating owners’ existing vessel response plans as well as appendices containing answers to frequently asked questions and a glossary of terms.

We regret that in the previous circular there was an error in Annex 4 which contained a technical comparison of the contracts reviewed and a rate comparison. On page 4 there is an error under “contract” in the first two columns. In addition T&T Bisso has published some new rates which came into effect on 1 September 2010.

A revised Annex 4 is attached updated and amended where relevant. The amendments are shown in yellow.

There has been a small amendment to the DonjonSmit contract and this has been reissued with a new footer.

The current salvor contracts/funding agreements which have been reviewed by the International Group and found to conform with the Vessel Response Plan salvage guidelines are the following:

DonjonSmit – July 2010, Version 1.1 on page 1 and Version 1.0 on subsequent pages

MRA – Dated 2 August 2010

Resolve – Dated 14 June 2010

T&T Bisso – Non US – 22 April 2010; US – 15 June 2010

All Clubs in the International Group of P&I Clubs have issued similar circulars.

Yours faithfully

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Annex 4

(attached)