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**The Shipowners' Mutual Protection and  
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## **TO ALL MEMBERS**

April 2005

Dear Sirs,

### **ADDITIONAL PREMIUMS FOR TANKER VOYAGES TO THE USA, 2005 POLICY YEAR**

Members are reminded that the International Group of P & I Clubs has made special arrangements to cover oil pollution liabilities arising under the United States Oil Pollution Act 1990. Cover for these liabilities is only available upon payment of an additional premium based upon the number of voyages and type of cargo carried to US waters.

In previous years details of the arrangements for declaring voyages and paying the premiums were set out in the Oil Pollution Clause which was added to every tanker's certificate of entry. In essence Members were required to send quarterly declarations to the Club setting out details of all voyages to the USA. The Club would then advise of the appropriate premium which had to be paid by the due date. The terms of this cover required that the declaration had to be submitted to the Club even if no voyages to the USA were undertaken. If a declaration was not made the Member would not be covered for any claims to which OPA 90 might apply.

It was necessary to approach the matter in this way in the past because the old voluntary pollution compensation scheme, TOVALOP, applied worldwide and under its terms it was not possible to exclude an area or region. The TOVALOP scheme has been terminated and it is now possible for us to reduce the administrative burden on our Members by simply excluding cover for all claims arising under the US OPA 90 for those Members who are not exposed to US risks.

For those Members who need or may need to trade to US ports within US controlled waters, the full oil pollution clause will remain on their terms of entry. Members are reminded that in order to maintain their cover for OPA 90 claims they must promptly submit quarterly declarations to the managers. The declarations must cover the period from 20<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> August, 20<sup>th</sup> August to 20<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> November to 20<sup>th</sup> February.

The additional premiums applying to US voyages in the 2005 policy year are as follows:

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	<b>Non-SBT Tankers US\$</b>	<b>SBT Tankers US\$</b>	
(A) Tankers of more than 1,000 gt carrying persistent oil in bulk	0.126	0.110	per entered ton each US voyage
LOOP or lightening	0.063	0.055	per entered ton, each US voyage
(B) Tankers of 1,000 gt or less carrying persistent oil in bulk	<i>Either</i> 126 <i>or</i> 2,515	<i>Either</i> 111 <i>or</i> 2,219	each US voyage per annum
(C) Parcel tankers carrying 5,000 m/t or less of persistent oil as cargo	376	332	each US voyage
(D) Parcel tankers carrying between 5,001 and 10,000 m/t of persistent oil as cargo	946	828	each US voyage

Tankers carrying persistent oil on any voyage will be regarded as carrying persistent oil for any such quarter. Persistent oil is defined as any hydro carbon mineral oil other than the non-persistent oil. A non-persistent oil is oil which consists of hydro carbon fractions of which at least 50% by volume distils at a temperature of 340 degrees centigrade and at least 95% of which distils at a temperature of 370 degrees centigrade when tested by the ASTM method E86/87 or any revision thereof.

Yours faithfully

**For THE SHIPOWNERS' PROTECTION LIMITED**

(As Managers)

For and on behalf of

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