

Honduras oil spill response arrangements – additional information

Dear Sirs,

We refer to Member Circular [04/2018](#) advising that the new oil spill response requirements come into effect in Honduras on 26th May 2018.

Ocean Pollution Control S.A. Honduras (OPC), currently the only approved oil spill response organisation (OSRO) in Honduras, provided the following additional information assisting Members to ensure compliance with the new requirements:

1. The December 2017 contract is the correct version of the OSRO contract.
2. Shipowners have two options: 1) subscribe to a contract or 2) subscribe to a purchase order every time a ship arrives into Honduran Ports. In either case a Certificate of Coverage will be issued. Normally the stand-by fee will be applied per voyage basis.
3. Regardless of the preferred option, this must be done in advance due to the fact that the shipping agency has to notify OPC at least 48 hours prior to arrival in order to be ready when the ship arrives into the ports.
4. The stand-by fee is calculated according to the GRT of each ship and the following table.

N°	GRT	OPC US\$
1	Liquid Bulk Carriers (including oil tankers greater than 150 GRT)	0.03
2	Cargo Ships (400 to 15,000 GRT) Cargo Ships includes: dry cargo ships, dry bulk carriers, general cargo, container ships, ferries ships, passenger ships, Ro-Ro etc. (it does not include liquid bulk carriers)	0.026
3	Cargo Ships Greater than 15,000 GRT	0.028
4	Oil Tankers less than 150 GRT Cargo Ships less than 400 GRT	Exempt

* a Government TAX FEE (15%) should be added.

5. In case of a spill, OPC has its own rates depending on the types of incidents that may happen.

Yours faithfully,
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rolf Thore Roppestad".

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