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## <u>UPDATE – URUGUAY – OIL SPILL RESPONSE CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS</u>

Members are referred to <u>Circular No. 12/15</u> of February 17, 2015, in which they were informed of the entry into force, on February 20, 2015, of the new Uruguayan Disposición Marítima No. 149 (the Regulation), requiring vessel owners to enter into contracts with local Oil Spill Response Organisations (OSROs).

The International Group has now been advised that the Uruguayan Coast Guard has decided to suspend the entry into force of the Regulation pending clarification of certain issues with the OSROs. The Coast Guard will meet with the OSROs to discuss the position and to determine a future date for the entry into force of the Regulation, which is not expected to be before the March 15, 2015.

Until the date of entry into force of the Regulation is determined, it is suggested that Members trading to Uruguay should liaise with local agents, the Club or the Club's Uruguayan Correspondents to check the current situation.

Your Managers will keep Members updated as further information becomes available.