

**JANUARY 28, 2002** 

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#### TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### **Dear Member:**

#### **VOYAGE SURCHARGES FOR U.S. TRADING TANKERS: 2002 POLICY YEAR**

The current system of charging voyage surcharges for tankers trading to the United States will continue for the next policy year. Unfortunately, however, by reason of the recent hardening of the global reinsurance markets, rates for 2002 will rise. The increase amounts to some 20% over the expiring cost. It has been kept to a minimum given the unsurpassed purchasing power of International Group P&I Clubs within those global markets.

As is the case at present, a differential will apply as between vessels which have segregated ballast tanks (SBT) and those which are not so equipped. In order to qualify for the lower rates applicable to the SBT category of tonnage, a vessel must be equipped with segregated ballast tanks as defined by Regulation 13 of Annex 1 to MARPOL 73/78.

It is hoped that the following table will be of assistance in setting out the 2002 policy year arrangements.

VES	SEL CATEGORY	Non-SBT	SBT	Basis
(i)	Tankers of 1,001 gt or more	\$0.102	\$0.09	per gt per voyage
	LOOP/lightening	\$0.051	\$0.045	per gt per voyage
(ii)	Tankers of 1,000 gt or less and - either	\$102	\$90	per voyage
	- or	\$2,040	\$1,800	per annum
(iii)	Parcel tankers carrying 5,000 mt or less of persistent oil as cargo	\$306	\$270	per voyage
(iv)	Parcel tankers carrying 5,001 - 10,000 mt of persistent oil as cargo	\$768	\$672	per voyage
(v)	Parcel tankers carrying 10,001 mt or more of persistent oil as cargo	\$0.102	\$0.09	per gt per voyage

The footnote overleaf contains the definitions which apply to the terms used above.

As to the making of declarations, Members are reminded that they are obligated to declare **all** US voyages by tankers each quarter in arrears. Forms for such declarations for the quarters ending May 20, 2002, August 20, 2002, November 20, 2002 and February 20, 2003 are attached hereto. Completed forms should be returned to the Club within two months of the end of each quarter. **Members are urged to note that their cover may be prejudiced if declarations are not made in an accurate and timely manner.** 

Tankers (including OOs and OBOs) carrying persistent oil on any voyage will be regarded as carrying persistent oil for any such quarter.

Members are also asked to inform the Club immediately if a vessel, declared to the Club as not carrying persistent oil as cargo, is indeed carrying a cargo of persistent oil. Members with OOs and OBOs declared as dry cargo vessels are advised to inform the Club immediately if any such vessels are carrying oil as cargo whether persistent or non-persistent.

The Managers will be pleased to respond to any questions Members may have in regard to the above, or generally.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph E.M. Hughes, Chairman & CEO Shipowners Claims Bureau, Inc., Managers for THE AMERICAN CLUB

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# VOYAGE SURCHARGES FOR US TRADING TANKERS FIRST QUARTER 2002 POLICY YEAR

US Voyage Quarterly Declaration Form
Oil Cargo / Persistent / Non-Persistent Quarterly Declaration Form

**Footnote**: The following definitions apply to the terms used above.

Parcel Tanker: A ship constructed or adapted primarily to carry cargoes of noxious liquid substances in bulk, and capable of carrying at least ten grades simultaneously, having been issued with an international certificate of fitness for the carriage of dangerous chemicals in bulk.

**Segregated ballast tanks:** A ship will be deemed to have segregated ballast tanks if it is equipped in accordance with the requirements of regulation 13 of Annex I to MARPOL 73/79.

**U.S. Voyage:** Any cargo voyage involving loading or discharging cargo at any port of place in the U.S.A. or within the EEZ as defined in OPA 1990. U.S.A. includes District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands and Northern Marianas.

Persistent Oils: All hydro-carbon mineral oils other than those falling within the definition of non-persistent oils described below.

Non-Persistent Oils: Oils which consist of hydro-carbon fractions:

- a) at least 50% of which, by volume, distils at a temperature of 340 degrees C, and
- b) at least 95% of which distils at a temperature of 370 degrees C

when tested by the ASTM Method D 86/78 or any subsequent revision thereof.

For Members' guidance, the following oils are **non-persistent**:

LNG LPG Gasolines (AVGAS/MOGAS) White spirit Kerosenes (domestic, tractor, aviation, No. 1 fuel) Gasoline blending components (naphthas)

Member:			Name of Vessel:				
Type of	Vessel: Non-	SBT Tanker □	SBT Tanke	er 🗇 💢	во / ос	D □ (Please check 🗸)	
We here	by certify that	the vessel during the pe	eriod as set out	above did (Ple	ease che	eck ✔)	
only		not carry any cargo of of form)	il: (please sign aı		carry oil as cargo: (proceed to B)		
B All Tankers		not carry persistent oil as cargo: (proceed to C)			carry persistent oil as cargo: (proceed to C)		
C All Tankers		not make any voyages to and/or from the USA or US EEZ:  [] (please sign and return this form)		make voyages to the USA and/or US EEZ:  (specify in the table below)			
Voyage to US and/or US EEZ	Date of loading	Port of loading Name of Port, LOOP or offshore	Date of Discharge	Port of dischard Name of port LOOP or offsho		Type of cargo Please state: "Persistent", "Non-Persistent", "Chemical" or "Other". If "Non-Persistent" please specify cargo	
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Signed I	by authorized	signatory of Member:		Date:		stent" are defined in Circular 2/02	



### **VOYAGE SURCHARGES FOR US TRADING TANKERS**

#### **SECOND QUARTER 2002 POLICY YEAR**

Member:		-	Name of Vessel:						
Type of Vessel: Non-SBT Tanker □		SBT Tanker 🏻	SBT Tanker □ O			) □ (Please check ✔)			
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#### **THIRD QUARTER 2002 POLICY YEAR**

Member:			Name of Vessel:					
Type of	Vessel: Non-	-SBT Tanker □	SBT Tanke	er 🗆 C	DBO / OO □ (Please check 🗸)			
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B All Tankers		not carry persistent oil as	sistent oil as cargo: (proceed to C)			carry persistent oil as cargo: (proceed to C		
C All Tankers		not make any voyages to  (please sign and return the	voyages to and/or from the USA or US EEZ:			make voyages to the USA and/or US EEZ:  (specify in the table below)		
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### **VOYAGE SURCHARGES FOR US TRADING TANKERS**

#### **FOURTH QUARTER 2002 POLICY YEAR**

Member:			Name of Vessel:					
Type of Vessel: Non-SBT Tanker □			SBT Tanke	er 🗆 C	DBO / OO ☐ (Please check ✔)			
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C All Tankers		not make any voyages to	oyages to and/or from the USA or US EEZ:			make voyages to the USA and/or US EEZ:  (specify in the table below)		
Voyage to US and/or US EEZ	Date of loading	Port of loading Name of Port, LOOP or offshore	Date of Discharge	Port of discharg Name of port LOOP or offsho	ge P " re " If	ype of cargo lease state: Persistent", "Non-Persistent", Chemical" or "Other". ""Non-Persistent" please specify argo		
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