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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

US POLLUTION – CALIFORNIA: CHANGES IN CERTIFICATES OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (COFR) REQUIREMENTS

Members are asked to note provisions in the California Code of Regulations (CCR) on evidence of financial security and renewal procedures for California certificates of financial responsibility (COFRs) published by the California Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR).

Before operating in California marine waters, tank and non-tank vessels are required to submit their certificate of entry (CoE) at least ten calendar days prior to operating or entering these waters in order to apply for a California COFR. This requirement supersedes the requirement to submit the CoE at least three working days prior to entering California waters.

Members are also advised that the 30 and 90 day timeframe required for self-certifying renewal with a P&I club, and the timeframe for providing the renewal documentation, i.e. the CoE, are replaced with a single timeframe of four calendar days following expiration of club coverage to submit all necessary documentation including the CoE.

Members are advised to contact the Managers if they have any queries regarding any of the above. It should also be noted that this Circular supersedes Circular 02/12 of January 6, 2012.

Yours faithfully,

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THE AMERICAN CLUB

All clubs in the International Group have issued similar circulars.