

## THE JAPAN SHIP OWNERS' MUTUAL PROTECTION & INDEMNITY ASSOCIATION

## SPECIAL CIRCULAR

No. 14-022 23 February 2015

To the Members

Dear Sirs,

## <u>Update – Uruguay Oil Spill Response Contract Requirements (No.2)</u>

We refer to the recent circular No.14-021 dated 17 February 2015, in which we informed Members of the entry into force on 20 February 2015 of the new Uruguayan Disposición Marítima No. 149 ("the Regulation"), requiring vessel owners to enter into contract with local Oil Spill Response Organisations (OSROs).

The International Group of P&I Clubs has been informed 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 15 March 2015.

Until the date of entry into force of the Regulation is determined, we suggest that Members trading to Uruguay should liaise with local agents or the Association to check the current situation.

We will keep Members updated with any developments as the information becomes available.

Yours faithfully,

The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association