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To the Members

International Group Reinsurance Programme for 2023/24 Policy Year

Please be advised that the International Group (IG) Reinsurance Programme for 2023/24 policy year has now been concluded.

1. General Structure

The general structure of the IG Reinsurance Programme for 2023/24 policy year is as follows (Four categories shown remain unchanged):

- Club retention : US\$10 million
- Group retention : US\$100 million
- General Excess Loss (GXL) Cover : US\$2 billion (US\$2 billion in excess of US\$100 million)
- Collective Overspill Cover : US\$1 billion (US\$1 billion in excess of US\$2.1 billion)

2. Limits on the Cover

The following special limits on the Club covers for 2023/24 policy year are applied to the Owners' entry (Three categories shown remain unchanged):

- Oil Pollution : US\$1 billion
- Passenger : US\$2 billion
- Passenger and Crew combined : US\$3 billion

3. Losses arising from Malicious Cyber, Covid-19 and other Pandemics

Last year, the reinsurance program had coverage limitation for Malicious Cyber, Covid-19 and other Pandemics risks in excess of US\$550 million. As a result of negotiation, the coverage for those risks has been expanded and is now free and unlimited for claims up to US\$ 750 million.

- Layer 1 (US\$650 million in excess of US\$100 million) : Free and unlimited cover
- Layer 2 and 3 (US\$1.35 billion in excess of US\$750 million) : Each layer has an annual aggregate limit in place, totalling US\$1.35 billion for abovementioned three risks.

The IG agreed to pool losses that exceed the annual aggregate limit and therefore could not be recoverable from reinsurers. Accordingly, there is no change to Member cover.

Please see the attached diagramme for further details of the programme.

4. Excess War Reinsurance

Due to the ongoing active war between Russia and Ukraine, the IG's Excess War reinsurers require Territorial Exclusion language (consistent with exclusionary language already applied by reinsurers for Primary War P&I coverage) for vessels trading in these waters. The IG is negotiating availability of sub-limited cover for affected vessels, which remains an ongoing process. However, it appears available cover is likely to be on the basis of a significantly lower per-vessel limit than for the main Excess War placement limit of US\$500 million. The IG will provide details of this cover in due course.

5. The IG Reinsurance rates for 2023/24 policy year

The IG concluded that there should be no change in the number of categories but that there should be some adjustments to the relative rate changes having regard to historical claims performance.

The IG Reinsurance rates per GT for 2023/24 policy year, including the excess war risks cover and MLC reinsurance cover, are as follows:

Category	2023 PY rate (US\$/GT)	rate change from 2022 PY (US\$/GT)	% change from 2022 PY
Persistent Oil Tankers	0.6663	+0.0194	+3.0
Clean Tankers	0.4051	+0.0385	+10.5
Dry Cargo Vessels	0.5991	+0.0352	+6.2
Fully Cellular Containerships	0.7277	+0.0691	+10.5
Passenger Vessels	3.8677	+0.0	+0.0

6. Renewal overview

To date, the IG has seen a benign Pool claims environment for the 2022/23 Policy Year. However, there has been some deterioration in prior years and Hurricane Ian and the Russia/Ukraine war have had a significant impact on the IG's reinsurance partners, which led to difficult market conditions going into the 2023 renewal. Nevertheless, the IG has been able to renew its reinsurance programme for 2023/24 with only a small increase in rates for shipowners.

The IG's Bermudan based reinsurance captive Hydra continues to support the IG through its risk retention. The use of private placements has also continued to give shipowners greater stability, especially in a year when market sentiment has been volatile as a result of Hurricane Ian, Russia/Ukraine conflict and continued market coverage issues.

For more information, please see [Press Release](#) published by the IG.

Yours faithfully,

The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association

Attachment: Diagramme of International Group Reinsurance Programme for 2023/24 policy year

IG Pool and Reinsurance Programme (2023/24 Policy Year)

<Protection & Indemnity>		About US\$8.54b						
Pool (Overspill) (About US\$5.44b)		US\$3.1b						
Collective Overspill Layer (US\$1.0b) Excess of underlying	<Passengers & Seafarers>	US\$3.0b						
		US\$2.1b						
3rd Layer **** (US\$600m) Excess of underlying	<Passengers>	US\$2.0b						
		US\$1.5b						
2nd Layer **** (US\$750m) Excess of underlying	<Oil Pollution>	US\$1.0b						
	2nd Layer **** (US\$250m) Excess of underlying	US\$750m						
*** 10% share	** 10% share	* 5% share	1st Layer (US\$650m) 75% share with annual aggregate deductible of \$107.1m being covered by Hydra	*** 10% share	** 10% share	* 5% share	1st Layer (US\$650m) 75% share with annual aggregate deductible of \$107.1m being covered by Hydra	US\$100m
7.5% Claiming Individual Club Retention	Upper Pool (US\$50m-US\$100m reinsured by Hydra)							US\$50m
Lower Pool (US\$30m-US\$50m reinsured by Hydra)								US\$30m
Lower Pool (US\$10m-US\$30m)								US\$10m
Individual Club Retention								0

1. up to US\$10 million (Individual Club Retention)
Each Club retains the first US\$10 million per claim in excess of its member's deductible.
2. from US\$10 million up to US\$100 million (Pool)
Claims in excess of each Club's retention are shared by the Pool up to a limit of US\$100 million. Within the Pool, claims from US\$30 million up to US\$100 million are reinsured by the IG's Bermuda-based captive insurer Hydra.
3. from US\$100 million up to US\$2.1 billion (Market reinsurance programme)
The IG arranges market reinsurance to provide reinsurance for claims from US\$100 million up to US\$2.1 billion any one claim (US\$1.0 billion for oil pollution claims, see further below). This market reinsurance programme is divided into three layers and each layer is underwritten by different reinsurers.
*, ** & *** are Multi-Year Fixed Placement named "Private Placement".
1st layer: US\$650m in excess of US\$100m
2nd layer: US\$750m in excess of US\$750m
3rd layer: US\$600m in excess of US\$1.5b

**** Losses arising from Malicious Cyber, Covid-19 and other Pandemics are subject to an annual aggregate limit totaling US\$1.35 billion.
2nd layer: US\$750m (but US\$250m for Oil Pollution) as annual aggregate limit
3rd layer: US\$600m as annual aggregate limit
4. from US\$2.1 billion up to about US\$8.54 billion (Overspill)
Claims which exceed the IG reinsurance limit (called "Overspill Claims") are shared by all IG Clubs. The Clubs levy calls (Overspill Calls) for contributions on their members for the purpose of providing funds to meet the Clubs' liability to contribute their Overspill Share to an Overspill Claim. Nonetheless, the IG arranges Overspill Protection for its members of US\$1.0 billion. Thus, claims from US\$2.1 billion up to US\$3.1 billion are reinsured by the market reinsurance cover.

Reinsurance for oil pollution claims is purchased as a separate cover with a limit of US\$1.0 billion. *Reinsurance for passengers and seafarers claims is subject to a limit of US\$2.0 billion for liability for passengers, or of US\$3.0 billion for liability for passengers and seafarers claims combined.