

Update - Uruguay Oil Spill Response Contract Requirements

We refer to the recent circular on [19th February 2015](#) in which we informed Members of the entry into force on 20th February 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 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 15th 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, the Club or the Club’s Uruguayan Correspondents to check the current situation.

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

All Clubs in the International Group of P&I Clubs have issued similar circulars.