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TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear Sirs

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF U.S. VOYAGE DECLARATIONS

A recent update to the lists of 'Persistent and Non-persistent Oils', provided for the International Group of P&I Clubs, has given rise to some anomalies in the notes contained on the reverse of the U.S. Voyage Declaration forms supplied by the Managers.

For the sake of clarity the following amended Note 4 should be used in lieu of that printed on the 1999 forms with immediate effect.

"Note 4.

For the purposes of this declaration "non-persistent" hydro-carbon oils shall be defined as follows:-

"Oil which consists of hydro-carbon fractions:-

- a) at least 50% of which, by volume, distils at a temperature of 340°C and
- b) at least 95% of which, by volume, distils at a temperature of 370°C when tested by the ASTM Method D86/78 or any subsequent version thereof."

All other hydro-carbon oils shall be defined as "persistent".

If not carrying persistent oils specify type of cargo.

For guidance only, the following oils shall be considered as non-persistent:-

LNG	LPG
Gasolines	Mineral Spirits
Kerosene	Naphtha
and Animal / Vegetable Oils	

The following oils shall be considered as persistent:-

Lub Oil & Lub Oil additives	Mineral Oils
Paraffin Wax	Fuel Oils - No3 to No6
Crude Oils	

No2 Fuel Oils and gasoils/diesels should be declared as persistent oil, unless they can clearly be proved to fall within the definition for "non-persistent" oil given at the start of this note.

Please note the above lists are not exhaustive."

Members wishing clarification on any product should contact the Managers when completing the declaration.

Yours faithfully
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(Managers)