

## United States Oil Pollution Surcharge for Tanker Owners and Quarterly declaration of oil cargoes

We hereby enclose a form for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter declarations to be completed and returned to us not later than 20 October 2010.

As from 20 February 1998, all tanker Owners, including Owners of OBO and OO vessels, have to make quarterly declarations in respect of cargoes carried and voyages performed during the specified quarter in order not to jeopardise their P&I cover.

The reason for this increased reporting procedure is to ensure that all Members of the Association are charged an accurate premium for the quarter. Tankers carrying Non-persistent oil and OBOs and OOs carrying dry cargoes during the entire quarter, will enjoy a lower reinsurance cost which will be credited to the Members. Owners of tankers (including OBOs and OOs) trading to the USA and US EEZ have to declare voyages in order to pay the correct surcharge.

Completion and return of the enclosed declaration form is only required for owners of tankers, OBOs and OOs.

Yours sincerely,  
The Swedish Club



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### Enclosures

- Surcharge for Tankers
- US Voyage quarterly declaration form

## Oil Pollution/United States Oil Pollution Surcharge for Tankers

The oil pollution cover provided by the Association for the Policy year 2010/2011 is as follows:

### Limit of Liability

USD 1,000,000,000

### Declarations

Members have to declare voyages by tankers each quarter in arrears specifying voyages to the United States and the EEZ. The declarations are to be completed by 20 July, 20 October 2010, 20 January and 20 April 2011 and returned to the Association as specified below.

**Tankers (including OOs and OBOs) carrying persistent oil any voyage will be regarded as carrying persistent oil for any such quarter. Members are advised to inform the Association immediately if a vessel, declared to the Association as not carrying persistent oil as cargo, is carrying a cargo of persistent oil. Members with OOs and OBOs declared as dry cargo vessels are advised to inform the Association immediately if vessels are carrying oil as cargo whether persistent or non-persistent.**

### Persistent Oil

All hydro-carbon mineral oils other than the non-persistent oils.

### Non-persistent Oil

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 distils at a temperature of 370°C when tested by the ASTM method D 86/87 or any revision thereof.

### Trading to the United States

Tankers carrying persistent oil as cargo and calling ports or places within the United States and United States Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) as defined by OPA 1990 for loading or discharging are subject to additional premium. The United States/U.S. EEZ includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands and Northern Marianas.

### U.S. Voyage

A U.S. voyage is any cargo voyage involving loading or discharging at any port or place in United States/U.S. EEZ as defined above. One cargo voyage involving loading or discharging at more than one U.S. port or place within U.S./U.S. EEZ shall be regarded as a single voyage. Discharging one cargo at a U.S./U.S. EEZ port or place and loading a new cargo at a U.S./U.S. EEZ port or place constitutes two voyages.

### Member's Responsibility

The Member is responsible to report to the Association if any cargo of persistent oil has been loaded, discharged or transhipped in the United States or within the U.S. EEZ. The Member is also responsible to determine whether or not a cargo is persistent. The Association retains its right to ultimately decide whether a cargo is to be considered as persistent.

## **Additional Premium U.S.**

In respect of tankers carrying persistent oil in bulk as cargo, following additional premiums will apply 2010/2011:

- 1. per voyage:** USD 0.078/GT (SBT: USD 0.0647/GT)  
50% less if lightering in designated areas or calling at Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (0.0386/0.0323).  
**minimum GT:** 1,000 for calculation purposes.  
**max voyages:** no tanker will have to pay for more than 20 voyages.

### **2. small tankers:**

Tankers of 1,000 GT or less may opt to pay per voyage USD 78 (SBT: USD 65) or a fixed annual premium of USD 1,560 (SBT: USD 1,300).

### **3. parcel tankers:**

A parcel tanker is a tanker which is constructed or adopted primarily to carry cargoes of noxious liquid substances in bulk and which is capable of carrying at least ten grades of cargoes simultaneously, having been issued with an international certificate of fitness for the carriage of dangerous chemicals in bulk.

**a.** parcel tankers carrying 5,000 MT or less of persistent oil on any voyage may opt to pay an annual premium of USD 4,680 (SBT: USD 3,880) or pay per voyage. The voyage additional premium will be calculated on 3,000 GT equalling USD 234 (SBT: USD 194).

**b.** parcel tankers carrying between 5,001 and 10,000 MT of persistent oil will pay per voyage USD 586 (SBT: USD 486).

**c.** parcel tankers carry 10,001 MT or more of persistent oil, the voyage additional premium as (1) above will be used (USD/GT 0.078/0.0647).

### **4. SBT-tankers:**

Tankers equipped with segregated ballast tanks in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 13 of Annex 1 to MARPOL 73/78 will get a 10 per cent differentiation on above additional premiums. Thus, a call to the United States as per (1) above will be USD 0.0647/GT, an annual premium as per (2) will be USD 1,300 and (3a) above will be USD 3,880.

# US Voyage quarterly declaration form – Oil Cargo/Persistent/Non-Persistent quarterly declaration form

Period: 20 May – 20 August. To be returned to the Association by 20 October 2010.

Member: ..... Name of vessel: ..... (Please tick ✓ )

Type of Vessel:  Non-SBT Tanker  SBT Tanker  OBO/OO

We hereby certify that the vessel during the period as set out above did:

<b>A.</b> OBO's and OO's only	Not carry any cargo of oil (Please sign and return this form) <input type="checkbox"/>	Carry oil as cargo (Proceed to B) <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>B.</b> All tankers	Not carry persistent oil as cargo (Proceed to C) <input type="checkbox"/>	Carry persistent oil as cargo (Proceed to C) <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>C.</b> All tankers	Not make any voyages to and/or from the USA or US EEZ (Please sign and return this form) <input type="checkbox"/>	Make voyages to the USA and/or US EEZ (Specify in the table below) <input type="checkbox"/>

Voyage to US and/or US EEZ	Date loaded	Port of Loading Name of Port - LOOP or offshore	Date discharged	Port of Discharge Name of Port - LOOP or offshore	Type of Cargo Please state: "Persistent", "Non-Persistent", "Chemical" or "Other". If "Non-Persistent", please specify cargo.
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Signed by authorised signatory of Member: ..... Date: .....  
 All tanker Members have to complete this form.