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ATTENTION INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

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BIMCO/ISCO STANDARD SPILL RESPONSE CONTRACTS, RESPONSECON AND US RESPONSECON

Members are informed that BIMCO and ISCO (the International Spill Control Organisation), have launched two standard contracts, RESPONSECON and US RESPONSECON, for the hire of specialised spill response services and equipment.

The contracts were drafted by a project sub-committee representing industry and chaired by a representative from the International Group. They conform with the International Group's Guidelines on Vessel Response Contracts.

RESPONSECON is tailored for international use, whereas US RESPONSECON is specifically for use in the United States. Terms and conditions are set out in standard clauses with accompanying annexes for the parties to insert detailed descriptions of the required services and rates for personnel and equipment. Both contracts are available free of charge from BIMCO's website, subject to Conditions of Use:

- <https://www.bimco.org/contracts-and-clauses/idea/free-contracts/responsecon>
- <https://www.bimco.org/contracts-and-clauses/idea/free-contracts/us-responsecon>

The contracts can be varied as required, however Members are advised to check with the Club to ensure that any such variations do not cause the contract to fall outside the scope of the International Group Guidelines.

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

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