Dear Sirs,

We refer Members to [circular 16/2012](#) on the Regulations of the People's Republic of China (PRC) on the Prevention and Control of Marine Pollution from Ships ("the Regulations") and the requirement that owners/operators of (a) any ship carrying polluting and hazardous cargoes in bulk or (b) any other ship above 10,000 gt enter into a pollution clean-up contract with a Maritime Safety Agency (MSA) approved ship pollution response company (SPRO) before the ship enters a PRC port.

**Circular 16/2012** informed Members of an amended model spill response contract issued by the China MSA as well as a revised International Group (IG) recommended spill response contract, the content of which was consistent with the MSA's revised Detailed Rules at the time.

The IG has since reviewed the recommended IG spill response contract wording in the light of the experience gained over the last two years and in discussion with different interested parties.

As a result, an amended IG recommended spill response contract wording is attached to the Annex to this circular, with the following footer: "IG Sample Agreement dated 20 November 2014". The wording of the new recommended contract remains consistent with the Regulations and the MSA's Detailed Rules, and takes account of concerns raised with regard to the payment period to SPROs under contract for undisputed sums during the course of an incident, whilst ensuring that the period continues to provide sufficient time to check invoices and documentation provided as evidence of costs incurred.

Since many owners will be signing new spill response contracts with SPROs in the near future, it is recommended that owners sign on the basis of the new IG recommended contract wording. It will not be necessary for owners to change existing spill response contracts with SPROs (that are based on the current IG sample agreement wording with footer "IG Sample Agreement dated 20 November 2012") where such contracts have not yet expired.

Any Member requested to agree to a variation of the attached recommended contract is advised to check with the Club to ensure that such variations do not cause the contract to fall outside the scope of the IG Guidelines.
If Members are in any doubt about the contract then it is recommended that they contact their Club before contracting with any SPRO.

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

Any questions regarding these issues can be directed to Nick Platt (Vice President, Environmental Claims); or Mary Cantle (International Group Liaison Executive).

Yours faithfully,
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Rolf Thore Roppestad
Chief Executive Officer
Annex


协议编号:
Agreement No.:

船舶污染清除协议

（样本）
Agreement for Ship Pollution Response

(Sample)

中华人民共和国海事局制
Printed by Maritime Safety Administration of the People’s Republic of China
协议样本说明
Introduction to the Sample Agreement

一、为了有效实施船舶污染清除协议管理制度，根据《中华人民共和国船舶污染海洋环境应急防备和应急处置管理规定》第二十九条的规定，制定船舶污染清除协议样本（以下简称本协议）。

1. This Sample Agreement for Ship Pollution Response (hereinafter referred to as “this Agreement”) is formulated in accordance with the provisions of Article 29 of the Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Emergency Preparedness and Response on Marine Environment Pollution from Ships for the purpose of effectively implementing the regime of agreement for ship pollution response.

二、船舶所有人、船舶管理人或者船舶的实际经营人（甲方）与取得相应资质的船舶污染清除单位（乙方），应当根据《中华人民共和国防治船舶污染海洋环境管理条例》第三十三条以及《中华人民共和国船舶污染海洋环境应急防备和应急处置管理规定》、《中华人民共和国海事局船舶污染清除协议管理制度实施细则》的有关规定，在船舶作业前或者进出港口前签订船舶污染清除协议。

2. The owner, manager or actual operator of a ship (Party A) shall, prior to ship’s operation or entering into or leaving from a port, conclude this Agreement with a qualified ship pollution response organization (Party B) in accordance with Article 33 of the Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Administration of the Prevention and Control of Marine Environment Pollution from Ships, relevant provisions of the Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Emergency Preparedness and Response on Marine Environment Pollution from Ships and relevant provisions of the Detailed Rules of Maritime Safety Administration of the People’s Republic of China on the Implementation of the Administration Regime of Agreement for Ship Pollution Response.

三、本协议中的第一条、第二条权利义务条款为强制性条款，协议双方不得更改其内容。本协议未尽事项，协议双方可另行补充约定，但不得违反国家有关法律、法规、规章规定以及本协议中甲乙双方的基本权利义务的约定。本协议的签订不影响甲乙双方根据有关法律、法规和规章的规定所享有的包括责任限制等在内的权利以及应承担的义务。

3. The Article 1 and Article 2 on rights and obligations of this Agreement are mandatory and both parties shall not change the contents of these articles.
For matters not covered in this Agreement, the parties may reach a separate supplementary agreement. In no case should such supplementary agreement violate relevant provisions of laws, regulations and rules as well as stipulations in this Agreement concerning both parties’ fundamental rights and obligations. The conclusion of this Agreement shall not prejudice the rights and obligations that shall be enjoyed or borne by both parties in accordance with relevant laws, regulations and rules, including the right of limitation of liability.

四、对协议文本中括号中需要选择的内容以及空格部位需要填写的内容，双方应当协商确定。

4. Choices of options with square brackets and the contents to be filled in blank spaces shall be determined by both parties through negotiation.

五、协议采用14位数字编号(如01-1001-2011-0001)，其中，前两位表示直属海事局代码，第3位表示船舶污染清除单位资质等级，分别用1、2、3、4对应一、二、三、四级船舶污染清除单位的资质，第4至6位表示船舶污染清除单位代码，由各直属海事局确定，第7至10位表示签订协议的年份，第11至14位表示协议序号，由各船舶污染清除单位确定。

5. The Agreement adopts fourteen numbers as its serial number (such as 01-1001-2011-0001), amongst which the first two numbers represent the code of a MSA directly under the P.R China MSA; the third number represents the qualification level of the ship pollution response organization (SPRO), 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively represents level-1, level-2, level-3 and level-4; the fourth to sixth number represents the code of the ship pollution response organization and shall be determined by the MSA directly under the P.R China MSA; the seventh to tenth represents the year in which the Agreement is concluded; the eleventh to the fourteenth represents the sequence number of the Agreement and shall be determined by the SPRO.

各直属海事局代码分别为：辽 宁 局 01，天 津 局 02，河 北 局 03，山 东 局 04，江 苏 局 05，福 建 局 06，上 海 局 07，浙 江 局 08，广 东 局 09，深 圳 局 10，广 西 局 11，海 南 局 12。

Codes of MSA directly under the P.R China MSA are as follows: Liaoning MSA: 01, Tianjin MSA: 02, Hebei MSA: 03, Shandong MSA: 04, Jiangsu MSA: 05, Fujian MSA: 06, Shanghai MSA: 07, Zhejiang MSA: 08, Guangdong MSA: 09, Shenzhen MSA: 10, Guangxi MSA: 11, Hainan MSA: 12.
船舶污染清除单位连锁机构应当按照以下规则予以编号：代表其它船舶污染清除单位签订协议的船舶污染清除单位，应当在其签订的协议正本上按照上述要求用本单位的证书编码予以编号，即采用14位数字编号（如01-1001-2011-0001）。为了方便船舶办理进出港口或作业手续，被代表的其它船舶污染清除单位将协议副本报当地海事管理机构备案的，应当在协议副本上加注被代表的其它船舶清除单位的证书编号（如01-1001-2011-0001-07-1007）。协议船舶可持协议正本或副本办理船舶进出港口或作业手续。

For those chain SPROs, the following rules are applicable: For the SPRO representing other SPRO, the 14-number rule as above-mentioned shall be used on the original Agreement, such as 01-1001-2011-0001. To facilitate ship’s entering or leaving or operation permission procedures, other SPRO being represented shall make a mark by adding the serial number of SPRO being represented after 14-number above, such as 01-1001-2011-0001-07-1007 on the copy Agreement. Whether the original or copy agreement may be present to MSA for procedures of ship’s operation or entering into or leaving from a port.
甲方：
Party A:
住所地：
Domicile:
法定代表人：
Legal representative:
联系人：
Contact person:
通讯地址：
Correspondence address:
电话：_________ (24 小时应急电话) 传真：
Telephone: _______ (24 hour emergency number) Fax:
电子信箱：
E-mail:

乙方：
Party B:
资质等级及服务区域：
Qualification level and service area:
住所地：
Domicile:
法定代表人：
Legal representative:
联系人：
Contact person:
通讯地址：
Correspondence address:
电话：_________ (24 应急电话)传真：
Telephone: _______ (24 hour emergency number) Fax:
电子信箱：
E-mail:
根据《中华人民共和国合同法》、《中华人民共和国海洋环境保护法》、《中华人民共和国防治船舶污染海洋环境管理条例》、《中华人民共和国船舶污染海洋环境应急防备和应急处置管理规定》、《中华人民共和国海事局船舶污染清除协议管理制度实施细则》（以下简称《细则》）等有关法律、法规和规章的规定，甲乙双方经过友好协商，在真实、充分地表达各自意愿的基础上，达成如下协议，并由双方共同恪守。

In accordance with relevant provisions of the Contract Law of the People’s Republic of China, the Marine Environment Protection Law of the People’s Republic of China, the Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Administration of the Prevention and Control of Marine Environment Pollution from Ships(hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”), the Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Emergency Preparedness and Response on Marine Environment Pollution from Ships (hereinafter referred to as “the Rules”) and the Detailed Rules of Maritime Safety Administration of the People’s Republic of China on the Implementation of the Administration Regime of Agreement for Ship Pollution Response (hereinafter referred to as “the Detailed Rules”) and other laws and regulations, Party A and Party B agree to reach the following agreement after equal consultation and on the basis of truthfully and completely expressing respective intentions, and the said agreement shall be abided by both Party A and Party B.

第一条 甲方的权利义务
Article 1 Rights and Obligations of Party A

1. 甲方应当向乙方提供本协议框架下接受服务船舶（以下简称协议船舶，见附录一）的基本信息，并按照双方约定方式和内容，在协议船舶进入乙方服务区域前的____天内，向乙方提供船舶有关动态信息。甲方应当在协议船舶驶离乙方服务区域前____小时，将船舶有关动态信息告知乙方。甲方应当书面确认已收到乙方按照本协议第二条第二款提供的应急值守相关信息。

1. Party A shall provide Party B with basic information of the ships (hereinafter referred to as “the agreed ships”, Appendix I) to receive services under this Agreement, and shall, within__days prior to the agreed ships’ entry into Party B’s service area, inform Party B of the agreed ships’ dynamic information in accordance with the time, way and contents agreed by both parties. Party A shall, within__hours prior to the agreed ships’ departure from Party B’s service area, inform Party B of the agreed ships’ relevant dynamic information. Party A shall confirm in written form the receipt of information on relevant emergency standby provided by Party B in accordance with stipulations of paragraph 2 of Article 2 of this Agreement.
2. 甲方应当指定联络人，并确保联络人在根据本协议开展应急防备和应急处置过程中保持联系和沟通。甲方需要变更联络人或联系方式的，应当及时书面通知乙方，在得到对方确认后，方可变更。

2. Party A shall make arrangement for her contact persons, and ensure that such contact persons can keep in touch with Party B in the course of the emergency preparedness and response as per this Agreement. Where Party A needs to change its contact person or the contact person’s contact detail, such party shall inform the other party by a written notice in a timely manner and no alteration shall be made until receiving the other party’s notice for confirmation.

3. 甲方应当将本协议副本留存协议船舶上，并确保船上有关人员熟悉协议内容及乙方制定的污染清除作业方案。

3. Party A shall keep a copy of this Agreement on board the agreed ships, and make sure that relevant staffs onboard the ships are familiar with the contents of this Agreement and the contents of Pollution Response Operation Plan formulated by Party B.

4. 甲方应当配合乙方按照《细则》规定开展船舶污染应急演练。

4. Party A shall cooperate with Party B to carry out ship pollution emergency exercises in accordance with the provisions of the Detailed Rules.

5. 甲方应当在协议船舶发生污染事故时，立即通知乙方并组织开展污染控制和清除行动。甲方应当在行动结束后，配合乙方开展污染清除行动评估。

5. Party A shall, when a pollution accident happens to the agreed ship, inform Party B immediately and coordinate the pollution control and cleanup action. Party A shall, after the termination of such actions, cooperate with Party B to carry out the evaluation on such actions.

第二条 乙方的权利义务

Article 2  Rights and Obligations of Party B

1. 乙方应当具有海事管理机构批准的资质，并保持相应的应急清污能力。

1. Party B shall possess relevant qualification approved by Maritime Safety Administration (MSA), and maintains its corresponding
capability of pollution response.

2. 乙方应当书面确认已收到甲方按照第一条第一款约定提供的协议船舶的基本信息和动态信息，并按照双方约定的时间、方式和内容将乙方应急值守的相关信息告知甲方。

2. Party B shall confirm in written form the receipt of the agreed ships’ relevant basic information and dynamic information provided by Party A in accordance with stipulation of paragraph 1 of Article 1, and inform Party A of information on relevant emergency standby provided by Party B in accordance with the time, way, and contents agreed by both parties.

3. 乙方应当指定联络人，并确保联络人在根据本协议开展应急准备和应急处置过程中保持联系和沟通。乙方提供的联系电话应当为应急联系电话，并保持值守状态。乙方需要变更联络人或联系方式的，应当及时书面通知甲方，在得到对方确认后，方可变更。

3. Party B shall make arrangement for her contact persons, and ensure that such contact persons can keep in touch with Party A in the course of the emergency preparedness and response as per this Agreement. The telephone number provided by Party B shall be an emergency number, and the number shall be kept attended. Where Party B needs to change its contact person or the contact person’s contact detail, such party shall inform the other party by a written notice in a timely manner and no alteration shall be made until receiving the other party’s notice for confirmation.

4. 乙方应当在接收到协议船舶驶入服务区域的通知后，做好应急值守准备，备妥应急船舶、设备和器材。接到甲方协议船舶驶离服务区域的通知后，乙方可取消应急值守。协议船舶从事油类或散装有毒液体物质过驳作业的，乙方应当按照有关规定为协议船舶布设围油栏，或采取其它适当的替代措施。协议船舶从事油类或散装有毒液体物质装卸作业的，乙方应当确保协议船舶布设围油栏，或采取其它适当的替代措施。

4. Party B shall, upon receiving the notice concerning the agreed ships’ entry into the service area, be on emergency standby duty and make sure that the emergency ships, facilities and equipments are standby. After receiving the notice that the agreed ships of Party A have departed from the service area, Party B may cancel such standby status. Among them, in case of the agreed ships engaged in transfers of oil or bulk HNS cargo, Party B shall deploy oil boom around the agreed ships or take other appropriate alternative measures according to relevant requirements, where in case of the agreed ships engaged in loading/unloading operation of oil or bulk HNS
cargo, Party B shall make sure that around the agreed ships oil boom is deployed or other appropriate alternative measures are taken.

5. 乙方应当与甲方选择适当的时机和适当的协议船舶，开展联合船舶污染应急演练。

5.  Party B and Party A shall carry out joint ship pollution emergency exercises at appropriate time with the involvement of the appropriate agreed ships.

6. 乙方应当在签订本协议时，将其制定的污染清除作业方案中英文文本向甲方提供。

6.  Party B shall, when concluding this Agreement, provide Party A with a Chinese and / or English version of the Pollution Response Operation Plan formulated by Party B.

7. 协议船舶发生污染事故时，乙方应当在甲方的组织下开展污染控制和清除行动。乙方应当在行动结束后，配合甲方开展污染清除行动评估。

7. Once a pollution accident happens to the agreed ships, Party B shall, under the command of Party A, carry out pollution control and cleanup actions, and shall co-operate with Party A to conduct the evaluation on such actions.

Other Articles  Both parties may conclude other articles as part of the Agreement.

Article 3  fees and expenses

1. 甲方应按照双方约定的收费标准（见附录二（1））和支付方式向乙方支付船舶污染清除协议费用，用于应急防备的合理支出。

1.  Party A shall pay Party B the ship pollution response agreement fees in accordance with the rates (Appendix II.1) and mode of payment agreed by both parties for the purposes of compensating Party B the incurred reasonable cost of emergency preparation.
2. If Party B carries out pollution control and cleanup actions in accordance with this Agreement after a pollution accident happens, Party A shall pay Party B the actual and reasonable expenses incurred in such actions based on the tariff set out in Appendix II.2.

3. When a pollution control and cleanup action lasts more than 5 working days, to ensure the smooth performance of the actions by Party B, Party B may demand Party A to pay a reasonable interim sum every 15 working days for the actions that has been carried out by Party B. Party A shall have the right to raise reasonable disputes in relation to any interim sum demanded. Any undisputed interim payment shall be remitted to the account appointed by Party B within 15 working days after Party B issues the invoice to Party A and such interim payment shall be deducted from the final invoice. Any reasonably disputed sum shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions relating to payments due upon termination of pollution control and cleanup actions, in accordance with 4 below.

4. Upon terminating the pollution control and clean-up actions, Party B shall present to Party A a breakdown and evidence for the expenses incurred, such invoice shall be fully supported by attaching bills showing money expended or details of payment to personnel. Party A shall within 30 working days pay the undisputed sum and provide an appropriate security
for the sum in dispute if required, such security to be in the form of a letter of undertaking from a P&I Club if offered. Any dispute between the parties shall be resolved in accordance with the agreed procedure in Article 7.

5. If party B does not receive ship pollution response fee within 2 months after party B finishes pollution control and clean up actions, party A shall bear bank loan interest up to max LIBOR plus 1% from the third month until party B receive all outstanding payment.

第四条 保密义务
Article 4 Confidentiality Obligation

本协议签订后，无论本协议是否失效、终止，甲乙双方应当负有保守对方提供的所有资料、信息秘密的义务。除了海事管理机构等可依法取得该资料、信息的政府主管机关或者双方可以向其各自保险公司披露本协议之外，甲乙双方不得向其它第三方公开资料、信息内容。

After conclusion of this Agreement, no matter whether this Agreement is in effect or not, or no matter whether this Agreement is terminated, both parties are obliged to keep all the materials and information provided by the other party confidential. Except that both parties may disclose the Agreement to their respective insurers and such government authorities as the MSA may obtain the said materials and information in accordance with law, both parties shall not make in public the contents of such materials and information.

第五条 生效、变更和终止
Article 5 Entry into Effect, Modification and Termination of Agreement

1. 本协议有效期为：
【 】固定期限为___年（或月）；
【 】协议船舶的___个航次（每一航次时间另行约定）。
本协议自双方签字盖章后生效。

1. The validity of this Agreement is:
[  ] Fixed term of ___ years (or months);
[  ] ____ voyages of the agreed ships (the time of each voyage shall be
2. Termination of Agreement when not employed during spill

In case Party A or Party B needs to modify or terminate the Agreement, Party A or Party B shall give 30 days’ notice to the other party in the agreed way, and such modification or termination shall be confirmed in writing by both parties’ consensus intention through negotiation. However, after the agreed ship(s) has (have) entered into the service area of Party B, neither party shall modify or terminate this Agreement.

Termination of Response: Notwithstanding any other term of this Contract, each of the Parties shall be entitled at any time to terminate the spill response services, or any portion thereof, being provided under this Contract by giving notice to the other, after discussion with MSA. Upon such notice being provided, Party B shall cease to provide the spill response services or any portion thereof, and shall carry out any required demobilisation activities, and Party A shall pay all outstanding fees in accordance with Article 3.4.

3. Where both parties terminate this Agreement, or where this Agreement becomes invalid due to one party’s breach of this Agreement, it shall be reported to MSA immediately.

4. Insurance: Party A shall ensure that there is sufficient mutual insurance to meet the requirements of this Contract. Party B shall maintain insurance for its obligations under this Contract with a minimum amount not less than specified in the contract, and provide details of the insurance, including copies of the policy:
4. **INSURANCE**: Party A warrants that it has adequate P&I insurance to meet its liabilities under the contract. Party B shall maintain insurance to cover its liabilities under the contract for a minimum sum of:

- Level 1 SPRO: RMB 2,000,000.00 (RMB 2 million)
- Level 2 SPRO: RMB 1,500,000
- Level 3 SPRO: RMB 1,000,000
- Level 4 SPRO: RMB 500,000

and shall provide details of the insurance policy including a copy of the cover note.

### Article 6 Liability for Breach of Contract and Tort

1. Where a Party causes any damage or loss to the other Party due to its breach of this Agreement or fault in the course of performing this Agreement, such Party shall, in accordance with this Agreement, bear the liability for breach of contract to the other Party, or be liable to the other Party for infringement of rights in accordance with provisions of relevant laws.

2. Where Party A or Party B causes any damage or loss to a third party due to performance of this Agreement, or where a third party causes any damage or loss to Party A or Party B, the party concerned shall bear corresponding liability in accordance with provisions of relevant laws.

3. 甲乙双方因执行船舶污染事故应急指挥机构或者海事管理机构的指令或要求而未能履行或未能完全履行本协议约定的义务的，可免除其承担违约责任，但是，对于乙方根据本协议已经履行的污染控制和清除行动的部分，甲方应当根据第三条的约定支付污染控制和清除费用。
3. Where Party A or Party B fails to perform or completely perform the obligations under this Agreement due to executing the orders or requirements of Ship Pollution Accident Emergency Commanding Organ or MSA, such party may be exempted from undertaking the liability for breach of contract. However, Party A shall, in accordance with the stipulation of Article 3 of this Agreement, pay Party B the expenses incurred for pollution control and cleanup actions that Party B has actually conducted in accordance with this Agreement.

第七条 适用法律及管辖
Article 7 Applicable Law and Jurisdiction

1. Laws of the People's Republic of China shall be applied to this Agreement and disputes arising from this Agreement.

2. Any and all disputes arising from this Agreement shall be solved through both parties’ mutual negotiation; where no resolution is reached after negotiation, such dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the following:
   [ ] Submit such dispute to MSA for mediation;
   [ ] Submit such dispute to the China Maritime Arbitration Commission for arbitrating at_____(location) in accordance with the arbitration rules effective at the time of arbitration;
   [√ ] Bring an action before a court in the People’s Republic of China that has jurisdiction.

第八条 本协议未尽事项，由双方约定后签订补充协议（见附录三）。
Article 8 With respect to matters not covered in this Agreement, both parties may conclude a supplementary agreement. (Appendix III)

第九条 协议份数
Article 9 Copy of this Agreement

本协议正本一式__份，具有同等法律效力，甲方持__份，乙方持
份，一份由乙方及时提交当地港口的海事管理机构以保证船舶进港、作业或离港不延迟。

This original Agreement is in____; each copy bears the same legal effect. Party A holds___copy (copies), Party B holds___copy (copies), and a copy of the agreement shall be submitted by Party B to the local MSA at the port in such a timely fashion that the vessel’s entry, operation or departure will not be delayed.

甲方(盖章):
Party A (seal):
法定代表人/委托代理人(签名):
Legal representative/Entrusted representative: (signature)

年 月 日
Date:

乙方(盖章):
Party B (seal):
法定代表人/委托代理人(签名):
Legal representative/Entrusted representative: (signature)

年 月 日
Date:

附录一:
协议船舶名单

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Appendix II.1 Ship Pollution Response Agreement Fee

Appendix II.2 Ship Pollution Response Expense Tariff

Appendix III Supplementary Agreement (if any)

Insert boxes for Article 1.1 and Article 2.2

Mode of payment