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## **Vessel Response Plans (VRPs) - 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 bodies and chaired by a representative from the International Group. They both conform with the International Group's guidelines on vessel response plan contracts (see Britannia's circular of June 2009).

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 annexures where the parties 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 BIMCO's 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 standard wording can be varied as required, however, Members are advised to check in advance with the Managers to ensure that no prejudice to Club cover arises from variations to the standard wording.

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