



French Guiana COVID-19 Response Plan



Purpose

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many governments and companies have imposed restrictions limiting the movement of people. This working document describes at a country level how OSRL will approach supporting Members during spill response incidents. It is intended to be referred to as guidance only, based on best-available information at the time of writing. It should be read in conjunction with the latest COVID-19 statement on OSRL's website: <https://www.oilspillresponse.com/news--media/news/coronavirus-statement/>

COVID-19 Response Readiness Dashboard

OSRL Members' Information Hub - a single location to cover your needs, keep you up to date and provide you with the latest information on our response readiness. <https://www.oilspillresponse.com/external-links/covid-19>

To discuss the country plan or for further information please contact directly: the plan authors elmeremeric@oilspillresponse.com or the duty manager, or your OSRL representative.

Service aspect	Normal service	Disruption / Restrictions	Amended approach
OSRL's Emergency Operations Centre	Remote technical advice from OSRL Duty Manager	None	As normal
	Provision of 2D and 3D oil spill modelling	None	As normal
	Provision of satellite imagery	None	As normal



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Mobilisation	Mobilisation of OSRL response team to incident location assisted by mobilising party	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Restrictions for entering French Guiana</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Key Information for Travelers to French Guiana</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19. CDC recommends that you do not travel at this time. • Travelers should avoid all travel to French Guiana. • If you must travel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Before you travel, get tested with a viral test 1–3 days before your trip. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do NOT travel if you were exposed to COVID-19, you are sick, or you test positive for COVID-19. Learn when it is safe for you to travel. Don't travel with someone who is sick. ▪ Follow all entry requirements for your destination and provide any required or requested health information. ▪ If you do not follow your destination's requirements, you may be denied entry and required to return to the United States. ○ During travel, wear a mask, avoid crowds, stay at least 6 feet from people who are not traveling with you, wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer, and watch for symptoms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Before traveling back to the United States by air, get tested with a viral test no more than 3 days before your flight departs. The test result must be negative. Keep a copy of your test results with you during travel in case you are asked for them. See Frequently Asked Questions for more information about this requirement. Follow all destination and airline recommendations or requirements. ○ After you travel, get tested 3–5 days after travel AND stay home to self-quarantine for 7 days after travel. If you don't get tested, it's safest to stay home to self-quarantine for 10 days. <p style="text-align: center;"> https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/http://www.guyane.gouv.fr/https://bonjour.tousanticovid...https://sita.ta.com/management/...https://www.facebook.com/ville... </p> <p>What procedures are currently in place at airports and other ports of entry?</p> <p>Read the Safety and Security section on the country information page. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/FrenchGuiana.html</p> <p>If you decide to travel to French Guiana:</p> <p>Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) https://step.state.gov/ to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.</p> <p>Follow the Department of State on Facebook https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/french-guiana-travel-advisory.html#ExternalPopup and Twitter https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/french-guiana-travel-advisory.html#ExternalPopup</p> <p>U.S. citizens who travel abroad should always have a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler's Checklist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do travellers need particular documentation to enter/exit? <p>Passengers must have an International Travel Certificate to enter and transit French Guiana. The certificate must be obtained before departure via the French consular offices abroad or online at https://www.interieur.gouv.fr</p>	<p>OSRL will deploy resources in the event of an incident provided it can be done safely and legally, with appropriate precautions in place to safeguard the health of staff and contractors.</p> <p>First wave response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSRL has five technical staff members based in US who would be mobilised to support in IMT / technical advisory / field-based operational roles. These responders would be subject to self-isolation restrictions, unless there is an alternative approach. <p>Second wave response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1: OSRL would deploy responders from the US, and UK as most appropriate for the nature of the incident. These responders would be able to fill IMT / technical advisory / field-based roles. The exemption process would be utilised with support of the Member to gain permission to travel. These responders would be subject to self-isolation restrictions. • Phase 2: OSRL would deploy responders from US, UK, Brazil and Singapore bases as most appropriate for the nature of the incident. These responders would be able to fill IMT/technical advisory/field-based roles. <p>Ongoing response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event of a mobilisation, immediate rotation planning commences (as usual processes) to ensure seamless continuity of in-country response. This would utilise the same exemption process as above and would bring responders into French Guiana with sufficient time to clear the self-isolation restrictions. <p>Remote support For all the above, remote support will be provided to the in-country team from OSRL's EOCs in UK (Southampton.)</p> <p>Exemption of restrictions As O&G activities are listed as Essential activities, OSRL understands that an</p>
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			<p>exemption may be granted for emergency responders to enter French Guiana in the event of an oil spill incident. This is working in progress.</p> <p>For spills in French Guiana, OSRL will also work with the mobilising party in order to gain permissions from the French Guiana government to enter and operate within French Guiana.</p> <p>OSRL understands there may be alternatives for the 14-day self-isolation requirements – for example medical testing to demonstrate responders do not have the COVID virus. Investigation to fully understand these continues. https://www.icao.int/safety/Pages/COVID-19-Airport-Status.aspx</p>



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Mobilisation of dispersant aircraft and aircrew to incident location, assisted by mobilising party	None at the moment, 2Excel have moved to split shift working to provide additional resilience. Doncaster Airport remains open.	<p>2excel have confirmed their ability to respond, however mobilisations would be reviewed on a case by case basis.</p> <p>The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to secure aviation support services at airport dispersant missions (e.g. supply of fuel, airport logistics, permit application for low-lying flight and dispersant spray, etc.)</p> <p>Airline crew would follow the same risk mitigation measures as other OSRL responders, including use of appropriate PPE, enhanced personal hygiene and physical distancing.</p> <p>*The flight times detailed below are for guidance purposes only and are subject to obtaining flight clearances, landing permits, ground handling time, local security situation, adverse weather conditions or any other unforeseen circumstance which could delay the flight. As with any response there will be factors outside of our control which could affect the response times and every endeavour will be taken to ensure a timely mobilisation.</p> <p><u>French Guiana (Cayenne SOCA airport) (0800 Departure)</u></p> <p>Timings with Boom Fit at Destination Doncaster-Faro: 02:40 (10:40) Tech stop:01:00 (11:40) Faro-Cape Verde GVAC 03:55 (15:35)</p> <p>Night Stop: 11:00 (02:35)</p> <p>Cape Verde GVAC – Cayenne SOCA: 04:20 (06:55) Tech stop & Boom Fit: 02:00 (08:55)</p> <p>Total elapsed time ready to spray: 24:55</p> <p><u>French Guiana (Cayenne SOCA airport) (1400 Departure)</u></p> <p>Timings with Boom Fit at Destination Doncaster-Faro: 02:40 (16:40) Tech stop:01:00 (17:40) Faro-Cape Verde GVAC 03:55 (21:35)</p> <p>Night Stop: 11:00 (08:35)</p> <p>Cape Verde GVAC – Cayenne SOCA: 04:20 (12:55) Tech stop & Boom Fit: 02:00 (14:55)</p>
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	Mobilisation of surface response equipment and dispersants to incident location, assisted by mobilising party	<p>The sea and airfreight markets are disrupted and currently fluid as a result of wider COVID-related disruption.</p> <p>AIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled belly-freight availability is low due to widespread scheduled flight cancellations. • 747 availability for spot-charter is low. • Antonov availability for spot charter is reducing. • Options remain for smaller freighter aircraft. 	<p>GENERAL</p> <p>Consulate General of French Guiana in Miami, Florida Espirito Santo Plaza suite 1050/1395 Brickell Avenue, Miami, FL 33131 Phone +1-305-403-4150 Email: francais.Miami-CsIt@tiste.diplomatie.gouv.fr Website URL www.consulfrance-miami.org</p> <p>U.S. Embassy Paramaribo, French Guiana (597) 556-700 (597) 710-1112 (after hours) caparamar@state.gov State Department – Consular Affairs 888-407-4747 or 202-501-4444</p>
	<p>Mobilisation of Global Dispersant Stockpile to incident location, assisted by mobilising party</p> <p><i>Applicable to members subscribed to GDS supplementary agreement</i></p>	<p><i>* Currently, the air charter market is extremely busy and as such Boeing 747 and other similar aircraft are being heavily utilised to support the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The AN-124 market is as part of this effort being utilised for standard cargo freight charter. As such, normal charter lead times have increased based on current scheduled charter commitments for the aircraft, and the immediate availability of aircraft has therefore reduced. The availability of aircraft for a response will be determined by market conditions on the day and “spot” market availability to respond to an immediate emergency charter request. OSRL remains in close contact with our logistics providers & charter brokers who are monitoring the situation. OSRL will continue to keep you informed and notify immediately if there are significant changes in availability. Please contact OSRL directly for further information.</i></p> <p>SEA</p>	



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	<p>Mobilisation of subsea response equipment</p> <p><i>Applicable to members subscribed to SWIS supplementary agreements</i></p>	<p><i>No restriction as of today.</i></p>	<p>SUBSEA HARDWARE</p> <p>OSRL has confirmed with relevant OEM partners that they remain able to perform necessary maintenance/pre-deployment works on subsea hardware.</p> <p>As per normal mobilizing arrangement for SWIS equipment, mobilizing party will arrange for logistics from respective SWIS equipment storage location and into the country.</p> <p>NOTE ON GDS MOBILISATION GDS mobilisation is typically a long wavelength operation, focussed on maintaining continuous supply chain of dispersants to enable ongoing subsea, aerial and vessel-based dispersant application to occur.</p>
<p>In-country response</p> <p><i>Typical roles performed by OSRL shown here – not exhaustive</i></p>	<p>IMT-based technical advice</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p>IMT-based technical advisory may be impacted by entry and self-isolation restrictions.</p> <p>The 5x5 onsite technical advisory service may be impacted by entry and isolation restrictions.</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p>Our 5 x 5 free Technical Advisory service will still be applicable.</p> <p>Remote technical advice into an IMT will be provided by technical staff based in any OSRL location via video conferencing platforms such as Skype, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.</p>



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	Aerial surveillance operations (inc UAV)	<p><u>Personnel</u> Aerial surveillance operations by OSRL personnel as onboard observer may be restricted due to the travel restrictions to French Guiana.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> OSRL has a Call-Off Agreement with SkyFuture to provide UAV capabilities in French Guiana to support aerial surveillance operations.</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u> Assuming we are able to enter French Guiana, OSRL responders will be able to conduct overflights as normal. Our 5 x 5 free Technical Advisory service will still be applicable.</p> <p>OSRL will provide remote support and advice to member on the aerial surveillance operation, spill identification and spill quantification based on the information gathered during the surveillance flight chartered by the member, e.g. photographs and videography.</p> <p>OSRL can provide remote training to aircraft and helicopter pilots or designated observers.</p> <p><u>UAV</u> Support from Member to apply for exemptions/approvals from relevant government agencies for UAV operator to be exempted from intra-state travel and isolation restrictions.</p> <p>OSRL responders can provide technical advice and analysis of UAV imagery/video remotely if necessary.</p>		
	Shoreline and inland operations	<p><u>Personnel</u> Shoreline response operations and Shoreline Clean-up Assessment Technique (SCAT) operations by OSRL personnel may be impacted due to the travel restrictions to French Guiana.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> Movement of equipment via land, sea and air, please see above.</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u> Assuming we are able to enter French Guiana, we will be able to provide this service. Our 5 x 5 free Technical Advisory service will still be applicable.</p> <p>In the event when a OSRL responder is unable to enter French Guiana, the Member will need to source for a tier-2 provider to assist in carrying out the operation using OSRL equipment.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> OSRL is still able to mobilise equipment if needed. The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to clear customs and provision of in-country logistics.</p> <p><u>SCAT operations</u> SCAT operations can be adapted to be carried remotely through the deployment of UAV with remote support being provided to interpret imagery and input into SCAT programme.</p>		
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	Offshore vessel-based operations	<p><u>Personnel</u> Offshore operations by OSRL personnel may be impacted due to the travel restrictions to French Guiana.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> Movement of equipment via land, sea and air, please see above.</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u> Assuming we are able to enter French Guiana through special exemption from the National Disaster Management Agency, we will be able to provide this service. Our 5 x 5 free Technical Advisory service will still be applicable.</p> <p>In the event when a OSRL responder is unable to enter French Guiana, the Member will need to source for a tier-2 provider to assist in carrying out the operation using OSRL equipment.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> OSRL is still able to mobilise equipment if needed. The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to clear customs and provision of in-country logistics.</p>
	Aerial dispersant operations	<p><u>Personnel</u> Currently not restricted due to the exemption for IAR aircrew.</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u> The operation can be conducted by the trained aircrew with remote support from OSRL personnel via video conferencing.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> OSRL is still able to mobilise equipment if needed. The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to clear customs and provision of in-country logistics.</p>



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	Oiled wildlife response	<p><u>Personnel</u> Mobilisation of oiled wildlife equipment held by OSRL and international oiled wildlife experts impacted by travel and logistics restrictions.</p>	<p><u>Personnel</u> Remote IMT-based technical advice from our Fort Lauderdale, US base via video conferencing platform such as Skype, Microsoft teams and Zoom, etc.</p> <p>OSRL members have access to Sea Alarm Foundation's Technical Advisors based in Belgium, for which one advisor can be deployed to site to provide oiled wildlife response advice and supervision.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> OSRL members has access to OSRL wildlife equipment located in 4 OSRL bases with Fort Lauderdale, US base being the nearest to French Guiana. Refer to mobilisation of surface response equipment for more details on the disruptions and restrictions on mobilising oiled wildlife equipment.</p> <p>As normal, the optimal routing for equipment and dispersant mobilisation will be based on availability of the spot market. Anticipate potential for delay due to disrupted freight market.</p> <p>The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to clear customs and provision of in-country logistics.</p> <p>Oiled wildlife resources can also be obtained in country based on advices given by the oiled wildlife technical experts.</p>