



Greece Response Plan (COVID-19)



Purpose

As a result of the COVID 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>

[Greek Health Authority \(Hellenic National Public Health Organisation \(NPHO\)\)](#)

Anything and everything in this country plan will be superseded if and where the information in the official webpage of the National Public Health Organisation is contradicting the text in this country plan.— updated information in this link will always supersede text in this document. <https://eody.gov.gr/en/npho/>

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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 into Greece.	<p>The current status in Greece is that restrictions have been imposed concerning all non-essential travel by persons from third countries to Europe (i.e. all EU member states, all Schengen countries and the United Kingdom). Anyone who does not fall into one of the exemption categories listed below will not be allowed entry to Greece.</p> <p>The restrictions do not apply to the following categories of persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EU (and UK) citizens or travellers with a residence permit issued by those countries;• Nationals of Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein or travellers with a residence permit issued by those countries;• Citizens and residents of Australia, Israel, Japan, Korea (Rep.), New Zealand, Rwanda, Singapore, Thailand, United Arab Emirates. <p>Travellers who are eligible to enter Greece must complete the Passenger Locator Form (PLF) at least 24 hours before arrival in Greece. Failure to do so in advance may result in your carrier not allowing you to travel, a 500 Euro fine on arrival or the Greek authorities not allowing you to enter the country.</p> <p>For anyone travelling by air, land or sea to Greece must provide evidence of a negative PCR test for COVID-19 that must be conducted within 72 hour period before the arrival time in Greece.</p> <p>Additionally, anyone entering Greece from the UK by air needs to take a rapid test for COVID-19 on arrival, regardless of having a previous negative PCR test report. If the result is negative, they must self-isolate for 7 days. At the end of the 7 day self-isolation period, travellers are required to arrange and undergo a fresh PCR test in order to be able to exit self-isolation. If they are staying for a shorter period of time, then they will need to self-isolate until the departure day.</p> <p>If the result is positive, the Greek authorities will require the traveller to self-isolate for at least 14 days, or until local authorities advise. Travellers are required to arrange and undergo a fresh PCR test in order to be able to exit self-isolation. If your accommodation whilst in Greece is planned to be a hotel, travellers will not be able to proceed as planned; instead, the Greek authorities are likely to require travellers to transfer to a specific self-isolation hotel. In all cases, the Greek authorities will provide you with COVID-safe transport to your accommodation. Any new accommodation costs will be covered by the Greek authorities. Local authorities will be able to offer further advice on self-isolation requirements.</p> <p>Arrivals from other countries (other than the UK) may also be required to submit a rapid COIV test on arrival. Regardless of whether this further test is carried out, they are required to self-isolate for 3 days after entry to Greece. If the result is positive, the Greek authorities will ask you to quarantine until advised otherwise.</p> <p>If other passengers on the flight subsequently test positive, the traveller may be subject to further quarantine/self isolation requirements. These will be mandatory and travellers should comply with the Greek authorities' requirements.</p> <p>You must wear a face mask at all times when on an aeroplane, bus, train or ferry travelling to or from Greece; and whilst at airports.</p> <p>Public transportation is operating, Taxis are allowed to operate, but with only two passengers.</p> <p>If additional response personnel are required from other regions, OSRL should be able to provide these under the exemptions listed above, especially those which refers to staff of international or humanitarian organisations.</p>	<p>OSRL will deploy resources in the event of an incident provided it can be done safely, legally and in accordance with appropriate precautions in place to safeguard the health and safety of staff, contractors and customers.</p> <p>Prior to mobilisation of an OSRL response team, the mobilising party (Member with presence in Greece) should engage with the Greek Embassy to expedite and guarantee clearance of the response team at the agreed airport.</p> <p>Currently (as of 22/12/2020) there has been no restriction on the number of flights travelling to Greece (however the quarantine period has been increased).</p> <p>Greece's approach is aimed at keeping the virus under control as much as possible in order to protect vulnerable groups and make sure the healthcare system can cope. The National Public Health Organisation is providing advice and information on the new coronavirus as well as measures to prevent the spread as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wash your hands often with soap and water• Cough and sneeze into your elbow• Use paper tissues to blow your nose and discard them after use• If mild symptoms of respiratory infection are experienced (cough, runny nose, fever, sore throat) stay home in isolation.• If symptoms become worse or if you are considered high-risk (elderly or people of any age with underlying health conditions, you should immediately contact your physician for evaluation.• Avoid gatherings, social events, visits to other houses and crowded open spaces.(Public gatherings are limited to a maximum of nine people.)• Avoid any unnecessary travels abroad or within the country.• Do not visit your doctor or a health unit if you develop mild symptoms of respiratory infection (cough, runny nose, fever, sore throat).• Strictly avoid visits to patients in hospitals.• Stay 2 metres away from other people• Wearing a face mask is mandatory in all indoor and outdoor spaces

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	General logistics - Mobilisation of response equipment	<p>The sea and airfreight markets are disrupted and currently fluid as a result of wider COVID-related disruption.</p> <p>New Brexit terms now apply to all European countries in terms of imports/exports of equipment which may mean it takes longer to get equipment into country.</p> <p>Info on Greek customs can be found at https://portal.gsis.gr/portal/page/portal/ICISnet/authority</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>In the event of Tier 3 incident and the need for OSRL to mobilise, it will be facilitated by the in-country operator's IMT.</p> <p><i>NB: this statement is valid at the time of developing this country plan. Please contact OSRL Global Logistics team for updated information when applicable.</i></p>
	Mobilisation of dispersant aircraft and aircrew to incident location, assisted by mobilising party	<p>Greek airports remain open.</p> <p>No disruption regarding mobilisation of aircraft currently. 2Excel (aviation services provider) have moved to split shift working to provide additional resilience. Doncaster Airport (2Excel primary operating base) remains open.</p>	<p>T2 have confirmed their ability to respond, however country specific requirements would be reviewed at the time of mobilisation. The normal level of support would be required from mobilising party to secure aviation support services at the Forward Operating Airport for dispersant missions (e.g. supply of fuel, compressed air, airport logistics, permit application(s) for low-lying flight and clearances etc.) but may also include support to apply for Essential worker status (if applicable). Aircrew would follow the same risk mitigation measures for all ground operations as OSRL infield responders including; the use of appropriate PPE, enhanced personal hygiene and physical distancing. For air operations the appropriate contractor mitigations, Essential personnel only, the use of personal issue headsets, Personal Hygiene kits".</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>727 Doncaster – Athens: Callout 02:00 (For 06:00 Wheels Up) Callout: 4:00 Doncaster – Athens : 3:30 Tech Stop + Boom Fit: 2:00 Time from Callout to Ready to Spray: 09:30</p> <p>Callout 10:00 (For 14:00 Wheels Up) Callout: 4:00 Doncaster – Athens : 3:30 Tech Stop + Boom Fit: 2:00 Time from Callout to Ready to Spray: 09:30</p>
	IMT-based technical advice	<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>We are able to provide the service but must consider an initial quarantine period after arriving in country.</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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In-country response <i>Typical roles performed by OSRL shown here – not exhaustive</i> In-country response <i>Typical roles performed by OSRL shown here – not exhaustive</i>	Aerial surveillance operations (inc. UAV)	<u>Personnel</u> Aerial surveillance operations by OSRL personnel as onboard observer may be restricted due to the travel restrictions <u>Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)</u> OSRL has Call-Off Agreements with various UAV providers to support aerial surveillance operations on best endeavours basis.	<u>Personnel</u> OSRL is able to provide remote support and advice to members aerial surveillance operations, spill identification and spill quantification based on the information gathered during the surveillance flights chartered by the member, e.g. remote analysis of photographs and videography to provide quantification. <u>UAV</u> Support from Member to apply for exemptions/approvals from relevant government agencies for UAV operator to be exempted from travel and isolation restrictions. OSRL responders can provide technical advice and analysis of UAV imagery/video remotely if necessary.
	Shoreline operations	<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 <u>Equipment</u> Movement of equipment via land, sea and air, please see above .	Equipment mobilisation; please see above 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. Once in-country, OSRL responders will be able to work in support of the shoreline programme as normal. A guidance document for In-field Response has been developed and is available via the OSRL COVID-19 dashboard, here: https://www.oilspillresponse.com/globalassets/external-links/covid-19-updates/health-and-safety-measures-covid-19-v3.pdf This is a live document and will be updated on a regular basis.
	Offshore vessel-based operations	<u>Personnel</u> Offshore operations by OSRL personnel may be impacted due to the travel restrictions to Denmark, and potential quarantine period required before going offshore. <u>Equipment</u> Movement of equipment via land, sea and air, please see above .	Equipment mobilisation; please see above Member company's trained responders may be able to operate OSRL equipment until OSRL responders are in country. Once in-country and through the quarantine period, OSRL responders will be able to work in support of the offshore response as normal.
	Aerial dispersant operations	Aerial dispersant operations by the Aircrew and OSRL personnel may be impacted due to the travel restrictions in place. This could affect movements of aircrew, OSRL personnel, dispersant stockpiles, amongst others.	The operation can be conducted by the trained aircrew with remote support from OSRL personnel via video conferencing. OSRL Aerial Dispersant Platform (Boeing-727 Tersus system) remains operational. Please see Mobilisation, above .

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	Oiled wildlife technical advice and coordination	Mobilisation of oiled wildlife equipment held by OSRL and international oiled wildlife experts impacted by travel and logistics restrictions.	<p><u>Personnel</u> OSRL members have access to Sea Alarm Foundation's Technical Advisors through OSRL's Duty Manager, for which one advisor based in Belgium can be deployed to site to provide oiled wildlife response advice and supervision.</p> <p>If the travel restrictions exemption cannot be granted, the technical advice from OSRL's Wildlife Preparedness and Response Manager can be given remotely through video conferencing platform such as Skype, Microsoft teams, Zoom etc.</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> OSRL members have access to OSRL wildlife equipment located in four OSRL bases. 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 the 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>

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APPENDIX – OSRL CONSIDERATIONS / POINTS TO NOTE		
This appendix outlines the internal considerations for OSRL. These do not impact our ability to respond but are likely to be relevant to the way we manage a response specifically during the COVID pandemic.		
Activities in-country	Additional Measures for COVID-19	Additional resources required
Transit to and from airport, accommodation and site	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Don N95 mask when in flight/transit- Wear surgical mask whenever out of accommodation.- Wash hands with clean water and soap where possible. Utilise hand sanitiser in travel kit if soap is not available.- Use alcohol wipes to clean flight tray.	
In accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Try to stay in accommodation as much as possible.- Order food from room service/delivery to minimise contact.- If personnel are going out to get food, do not dine-in and get take-away; wear surgical mask and bring hand sanitiser.- Conduct temperature checks twice a day and inform in-country lead if feeling unwell.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mask (N95/Surgical)- Hand sanitiser- Alcohol Wipes- Thermometer
At Client IMT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ensure temperature check is being conducted before entering on-site.- Reduce any physical contact by maintaining physical distancing of at least 2m from others- Regularly wash/sanitise hands.- Possibility of using online conferencing instead of physical meetings during response planning.	
Shoreline Response including Shoreline protection, Shoreline Clean-up, SCAT, Oiled Wildlife Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minimise physical involvement in response activities such as manual shoreline clean-up by taking into account the risk of COVID-19 transmission between response personnel's during Spill Impact Mitigation Assessment or when selecting the most appropriate response options. For example, the use of excavators may be more appropriate than manual shovelling of oiled sediments on a beach.- All personnel on site are to be tested negative using COVID-19 Rapid test kits or self-isolated for 14 days prior to the response.- Site Supervisor to ensure that there is a temperature-taking station during site set-up (recommended to have it at the entrance of the site) and maintain a record to track for contact tracing and personnel movement- Safety and Operational briefings to be conducted with people segregated by at least 2m.- Don full PPE.- Regularly wash/sanitise hands after removal of PPE.- Reduce physical involvement in SCAT operations by using UAV surveys.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Temperature check and health declaration form- Full PPE: Tyvek suit, respirator, safety goggles, chemical gloves, safety shoes, safety boots, safety helmet, ear protection, coveralls, lifejacket, as appropriate.
Offshore Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Before boarding a vessel for offshore response, ensure all vessel crew and response personnel are tested negative using COVID-19 Rapid test kits or self-isolated for 14 days prior to the response.- Offshore lead to conduct temperature checks and maintain a record of all personnel onboard including vessel crew.- Safety and Operational briefing to be conducted with people segregated by at least 2m.- Don full PPE.- Regularly wash/sanitise hands after removal of PPE.- During the rotation duration on the vessel, avoid all social interaction and stay in individual cabin outside of working hours.- Vessel to be disinfected after each rotation of personnel or crew change.	
Aerial Surveillance Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- If possible, use UAV or satellite imagery (MDA) as the primary option- Limit number of personnel to three on flight (Pilot, Co-Pilot, OSRL Personnel)- Before boarding, ensure that all personnel have conducted the temperature checks- Safety and Operational briefing to be conducted with people segregated by at least 2m.- Personnel are to be seated 2m away in aircraft (or leave a seat between one another) and reduce any physical contact by maintaining physical distancing of at least 2m from others- Aircraft to be disinfected after each rotation of personnel or crew change.	
Aerial Dispersant Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Limit the amount of personnel onboard the aircraft, ensure all personnel are tested negative using COVID-19 Rapid test kits or self-isolated for 14 days prior to the response.	

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