



COVID-19 Update - 20th November 2020

As per our previous communications, OSRL has highlighted the demand on the air charter market since the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is affecting both standard air freight and chartered freighter options.

Q4 is always a historically busy part of the year for the air cargo sector, but the added complexities and demand based on PPE shipments, vaccine contingency measures and lower than normal passenger flights continue to put a strain on capacity. The increase in demand for AN-124 aircraft coupled with a recent incident has also reduced the number of heavy-lift aircraft available.

OSRL continues to work with trusted brokers and carry out exercises to spot test the market, however, it should be noted that members should be prepared to expect longer lead times for equipment combined with multiple options being used to support a response. In some cases, commercial freighters and belly freight may not be available for several days.

OSRL's Global Logistics Team will continue to monitor the market and are on hand to provide further information. The team can be contacted on the following email address globallogistics@oilspillresponse.com.

At the end of October and as part of our ongoing assurance exercises with the International Air Response (IAR), our team in Singapore ran an IAR Offshore Sarawak NND Exercise. This was a no-notice drill to test response readiness of the IAR operator for the Hercules C130, verify effectiveness of mobilisation procedures and to test assumptions for aerial dispersant spraying in East Malaysia.

The objectives were achieved successfully with no safety concerns and OSRL remains response ready and able to respond to and sustain an incident during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. You can read the full report [here](#).

Our latest leadership Insights article is now available, can this pandemic be used as a catalyst to strengthen the implementation of Tiered Preparedness and Response? You can read the thoughts of Paul Foley, one of the authors of IOGP's Tiered Preparedness and

Response Good Practice Guide and OSRL's Response Manager (Europe & Africa). [Click here](#) to read the article.

We have also released an article covering Oiled Wildlife Preparedness and Response, reflecting on the past and planning for the future. Paul Kelway, OSRL's wildlife preparedness and response manager talks about our Board of Directors' decision to endorse an ambitious five-year strategic plan for wildlife emergency preparedness and response and why it is such an important milestone for oiled wildlife response. [Click here](#) to read more.

Further information on the OSRL wildlife strategy and key priorities for 2021 will be covered in our upcoming webinar on the 14th January, you can register now for the [8am session](#) or the [2pm session](#).

Our latest webinar recording is now available [here](#), Volunteer Management in Oil Spill Response webinar. This was a well-received webinar where Chris Miles, Principle Trainer talked about the value of a volunteer plan as part of oil spill preparedness.

Continuing with updating the COVID-19 country plans, Tunisia, Vietnam, Brazil and Malaysia are now updated and we also have Greece in development which will be published soon.

As always, we remain just a phone call away, ready to virtually support you and your operations. Should you have any questions, please email CMT@oilspillresponse.com or contact our Duty Managers.

