

## COVID-19 Update - 28th May 2021

### Logistics update

COVID-19 and other international events continue to have a strong impact on the international freight market, affecting the movement of goods by both air and sea. OSRL continue to work with partners and conduct exercises to gain market insights, including monitoring the availability of aircraft. Whilst the availability of AN-124 aircraft remains positive, access to other freighter charter options remains limited at this time.

The Global Logistics Team are responding to increases in Equipment Hire Packages being requested by our members and conducting shipments of goods around the world. Shipments into Europe, Africa and the Middle East from the UK allow us to continually test shipping requirements following Brexit.

In addition to the movement of equipment, our travel specialists continue to support business activity by ensuring our personnel can travel safely to deliver services to our members. Despite the ever-changing requirements in testing, visa requirements and flight availability, OSRL has continued to deliver face to face capability to our members for training and rotational work. A range of exercises conducted continues to ensure we can safely mobilise personnel at short notice in the event of a response.

If you would like more information – you can meet the [Global Logistics Team here](#) or read our [latest update here](#).

### Exercise deployment in Singapore

OSRL's Singapore Response team partnered with one of our members to conduct an integrated Tier 1 & Tier 2 deployment exercise on the 5th and 6th of May. The exercise safely and successfully tested communication lines and logistics interfaces, developed a response strategy, validated deployment plans and applied COVID19 Safe Management Measures by both our Member and OSRL.

A tabletop exercise allowed a real scenario to determine the appropriate response techniques and tactics, which were then executed jointly in a practical exercise, including deploying surface dispersant application, offshore containment and recovery and waste management resources.

Following the deployment, the Members Exercise Controller said:

*"I would like to thank OSRL for partnering with us for the joint oil spill exercise. The 2 days of deployment exercise serves as validation of the deployment plan that we can always utilize for any spill response that are required in this very busy and sensitive area. I would also like to acknowledge and express my gratitude to the very professional team from OSRL from planning to execution."*

The safe and successful completion of the exercise is an example of the oil spill preparedness value realised through effective integration and collaboration between OSRL and our Members.

### **Base alert status updates**

This month we have updated the following country plans; Bahrain, Brazil, Kuwait and Trinidad and Tobago. You can view all our [country plans here](#).

### **Latest news and information on our website**

#### **Aviation Update C-130 Hercules**

The Lockheed C-130 Hercules aircraft chartered by OSRL to provide regional wide-area aerial dispersant application undergoes regularly scheduled maintenance in accordance with regulatory requirements.

The current OSRL Lockheed C130 aircraft (N121TG) based in Senai is now due its C-Check maintenance. The aircraft has therefore been changed out and replaced with an identical Lockheed C-130 with registration number N117TG.

Therefore, from now on the Lockheed C-130 registration N117TG will be OSRL's primary aircraft based in Senai, Malaysia providing wide aerial dispersant application service for our members in Asia-Pacific. [Read more here](#).

#### **The Global Logistics Team Successfully Test New Brexit Procedures**

An update from the Global Logistics Lead, Ho Yei Ling on the Global Logistics team and a successful test of the new Brexit procedures.

We also hear from the Travel Team on how they were focussing on new processes and procedures to keep our travellers safe during the global pandemic. [Read more here](#).

#### **10 Simple Things You Can Do to Improve Your Oil Spill Preparedness**

Lucy Short, Principal Consultant talks about whether the priority of oil spill preparedness within oil companies may have waned during the pandemic. Lucy provides a list as a guide to help organisations put in place some prevention barriers and readiness actions.

The ultimate aim of the list is to help you and your organisation improve your preparedness. [Read more here](#).

### **Latest Insights Articles**

In this insights article Nick Dyer talks about pipelines and if the drive to decarbonise will bring new fuel types and a different set of challenges for pipeline engineers in the coming years, but the phased transition to greener energy means oil and gas infrastructure will remain vital across the short to medium-term. But, what will the long-term future look like? Against a backdrop of



growing public scrutiny of the environmental impact and viability of new projects, we have to ask: Is this the end of the line for pipelines? [Read more here.](#)

In April 2010, when an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon platform triggered the world's largest accidental oil spill, all eyes turned to the Gulf of Mexico and the unfolding tragedy. In his quickly appointed role as National Incident Commander (NIC), United States Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen was faced with an extraordinary task: deliver the US Government's response to this unprecedented and developing crisis.

In our latest insights article, Dean Wasche and Andrew Couch explore the science behind leadership development and the mindset and skillset that Allen and others require in such complex scenarios. We also touch on how leaders should develop and nurture both mindset and skillset. [Read more here.](#)

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