

## **TO THE MEMBERS**

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Dear Sirs

### **EXTENSION OF THE ASSOCIATION'S COVER FOR THE CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, BIO-CHEMICAL AND ELECTROMAGNETIC WEAPONS EXCLUSION CLAUSE AND THE RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION AND NUCLEAR RISKS EXCLUSION CLAUSE**

The Association is pleased to be able to announce further enhancements to cover for the 2016 Policy Year.

With effect from 1 January 2016, the Chemical, Biological, Bio-chemical and Electromagnetic Weapons Exclusion Clause set out on page 6 of the Association's Circular HWRB C4/2015, dated 27 November 2015, and the Radioactive Contamination and Nuclear Risks Exclusion Clause set out at Rule 3.2 of the Association's 2016 Rules will not apply for the first US\$50 million of losses incurred in the Policy Year. This limit will apply across the membership as a whole and any claims will be settled on a pro rata basis should incurred losses exceed US\$50 million in 2016. Aggregated claims below US\$50 million will be settled in full without deductible.

In addition, with effect from 1 January 2016, the exclusions set out in both clauses shall not apply to any loss, damage, liability, costs or expense arising out of or in consequence of the emission of radiation from "excepted matter" carried as cargo on the entered vessel. The full wording of the new provisions appears below.

The Chemical, Biological, Bio-chemical and Electromagnetic Weapons Exclusion Clause and the Radioactive Contamination and Nuclear Risks Exclusion Clause are, for the 2016 Policy Year, now both subject to the following provisions:

*(i) This clause is only to apply once claims on this policy which would otherwise have been excluded by this clause have exceeded USD 50,000,000 in the aggregate.*

*And*

*(ii) Provided always that the exclusions in this clause shall not apply to any loss, damage, liability, costs or expense arising out of or in consequence of the emission of*

*ionising radiations from, or the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of “excepted matter”, as defined in the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 or any amendments thereto or regulations made thereunder, being carried as cargo on the entered vessel.*

The Managers would be pleased to answer any questions that may arise.

Yours faithfully

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