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To: ALL SHIPOWNER CLIENTS

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CleanSeaNet – a satellite-based oil spill surveillance and vessel detection service

We are attaching an article which appeared on the "Maritime Cyprus" website, which dates back to September, 2014.

You may, or may not be aware, that any infringement of MARPOL regulations for which a fine / criminal action may be taken, is excluded from your P & I cover. We cannot stress enough the need for the crew to strictly observe all Marpol regulations related to oil pollution, particularly as the CleanSeaNet satellite-based oil spill surveillance now makes detection very easy. This service is available to all EU Member States and the territorial waters of overseas countries and territories may also be monitored.

As you will note, once an oil spill is detected a pollution alert is sent within 30 minutes to national authorities.

In view of the above, we would suggest that your technical personnel pass this information on to the Masters/Chief Engineers of all of your vessels to ensure that they are fully aware that (1) Marpol Regulations must be fully adhered to, and, that (2) in the event of any infringement for which a fine may be imposed and/or criminal action taken against the vessel or individual crew members, the fine and the defence of any such matter will be for your/their account, as such matters are excluded from your P & I cover.

With kind regards,
Loss Prevention Team

Europe measures to detect and deter marine pollution

Maritime Cyprus admin : September 6, 2014



European Maritime safety Agency (EMSA) operates

CleanSeaNet, a satellite-based oil spill surveillance and vessel detection service.

The service is available to all EU Member States, EFTA/EFTA Member States and acceding and candidate countries. Territorial waters of coastal Member States, and overseas countries and territories may also be monitored.

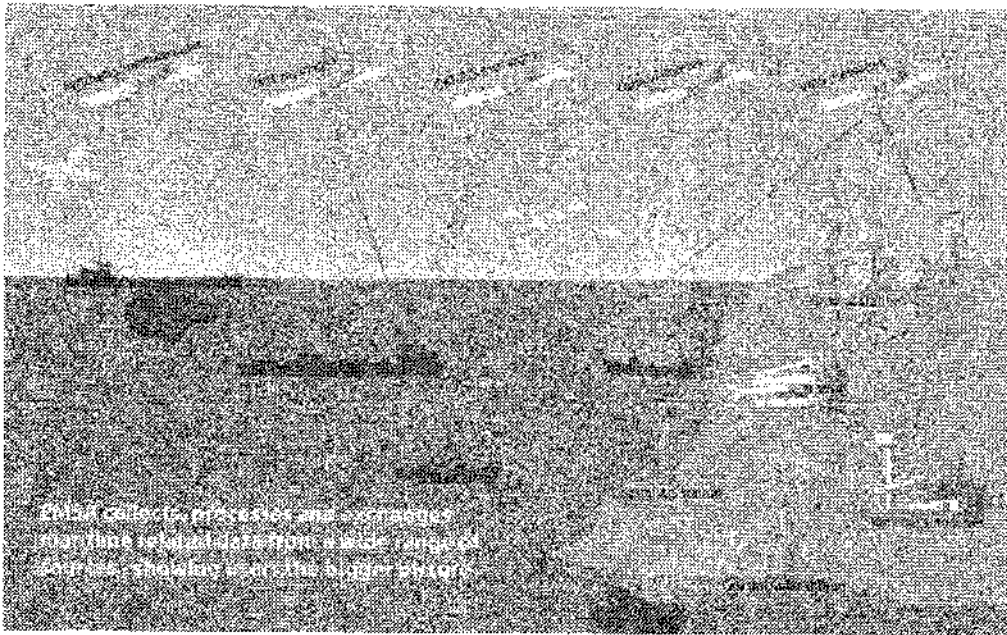
The CleanSeaNet service analyses Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) images from Earth Observation satellites to detect possible oil spills on the sea surface.

When a spill is detected, a pollution alert is sent to national authorities. The alerts are available within 30 minutes of the satellite acquiring the image. The national authority then decides how to respond to the alert from CleanSeaNet. A patrol aircraft or vessel may be sent to survey the area and verify the oil spill detection. The vessels detected by satellite in the vicinity of the oil spill may be correlated with vessel traffic reports to increase the likelihood of identifying the probable source of the spill.

CleanSeaNet can also provide access to some additional services including very high resolution optical satellite images, wind speed and direction at the time and place of the image acquisition, as well as meteorological and oceanographic data.

For more information click below link for the CleanSeaNet brochure:

<http://emsa.europa.eu/emsa-documents/latest/download/2913/2123/23.html>



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