



Philippine Coast Guard
Office of the Commander
HEADQUARTERS MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMAND
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Binondo, Manila

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JOE AMIL SALINO
Regional Director
Environmental Management Bureau – MIMAROPA
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Ermita, Manila

Dear **Director Salino**:

The Philippine Coast Guard, Marine Environmental Protection Command (MEPCOM) in cooperation with the International Pollution Compensation (IOPC) Funds and International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF) Limited based in London, United Kingdom will be hosting a hybrid (face-to-face and online platform) **Claims and Compensation Workshop in relation to the MT Princess Empress oil spill incident** on November 14 to 15, 2023.

The workshop aims to provide support and give advice to all government agencies wishing to submit claims for compensation for work conducted in relation to the incident. The workshop itself is free of charge, however, your office will be the one to shoulder the respective travel and accommodation expenses of your participants in case you prefer the face-to-face attendance at the Auditorium of the National Museum of the Philippines-Fine Arts, P. Burgos Drive, Rizal Park, Manila.

Further, your Office is requested to prepare and present a brief overview of the intended claims, if there are any, to be submitted to the IOPC and ITOPF no less than 14 days prior the workshop. Attached to this letter is the workshop agenda for your reference.

Please confirm your preferred attendance whether face-to-face or online on or before October 10, 2023. Should you have any questions, you may contact our Legal Officer, CG LT GERSON B GAMAS with email address attygersonbgamas@gmail.com and mobile number +63 922 820 0402.

Thank you for your unwavering support to your Philippine Coast Guard. Rest assured of our strong commitment as we continue to jointly pursue our shared responsibility in protecting, preserving and conserving our precious marine environment.

Very respectfully yours,


CG VADM ROBERT N. PATRIMONIO
Commander, Marine Environmental Protection Command

27th September 2023

To whom it may concern,

The International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) and ITOPF, working in partnership with the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) duly invite yourself and representatives of your department to a two-day **'Claims and Compensation Workshop in relation to the MT PRINCESS EMPRESS oil spill incident'**.

The workshop will take place on **November 14th and 15th 2023**, and be held at the **Function Hall of the National Museum of the Philippines, Manila**.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide support and advice to all government agencies wishing to submit a claim for compensation for work conducted in relation to the PRINCESS EMPRESS incident of 28th February 2023.

It is intended that provision of this platform to share brief presentations and a face-to-face discussion of claims, prior to their official submission, will expedite the assist in the compilation of, and the efficacy, of Philippine Government claim submissions. With this in mind, all relevant departments should attend. The attending representatives should have the detailed knowledge and authority to discuss their intended submissions.

The workshop will be separated into 4 separate sections over two days to consider claims for clean-up, tourism loss, fisheries loss and environmental damage. The timetable is shown overleaf.

Each session will start with a brief overview of the principles of admissibility and reasonableness for the particular type of compensation available. Following this, any department that is anticipating making a claim should provide a brief presentation (up to 15 minutes) of their intended submission and any questions of clarification that are required. Following the presentations, an open discussion of any issues or concerns will be held. Depending on the number of claimants, this discussion may be held as a single item involving all attendees, or smaller break-out discussions may be held between facilitators and separate departments.

It is requested presentations, or a brief overview of the intended claim are submitted to the IOPC and ITOPF no less than 14 days prior to the workshop. This is intended to maximise the benefit of the shared time in Manila.

Please confirm your attendance by October 10th and address any questions you may have to Atty. Gerson B Gamas.

We look forward to meeting with you in November.

Yours sincerely

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IOPC Funds

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Alex Hunt, ITOPF

Claims and Compensation Workshop In relation to the PRINCESS EMPRESS oil spill incident

Workshop Agenda

Day 1 (November 14th)

Registration	07:00			
Welcome Address	08:00			
Session 1	08:30 – 12:00	Clean - Up	IOPC / ITOFF	Overview of Principles
			PCG	Overview of Claim
			NDRMC	Overview of Claim
			Provincial Gov't	Overview of Claim
			Discussion on clean-up claims	
LUNCH				
If necessary, this session can start a little late if clean-up claims run over (tourism is expected to be smaller)				
Session 2	13:00 – 17:00	Tourism	IOPC	Overview of Principles
			Department of Tourism	Overview of claims
			Discussion on tourism claims	

Day 2 (November 15th)

Registration	07:00			
Session 1	08:00 – 12:00	Fisheries	IOPC / ITOFP	Overview of Principles
			BFAR	Overview of Claim
			DSWD	Overview of Claim
			Provincial Gov't	Overview of Claim
			Discussion on fisheries claims	
LUNCH				
Session 2	13:00 – 17:00	Environmental Damage	IOPC / ITOFP	Overview of Principles
			DENR	Overview of claim
			BFAR	Overview of claim
			Discussion on environmental damage claims	