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"COAST GUARD APPROVES ARVAK AS COFR GUARANTOR"

The U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center announced its approval of Arvak Limited (ARVAK) as a new provider of "other evidence" of financial responsibility for vessel owners and operators who face potential water pollution liabilities. Vessel operators, who intend to use U.S. waters, are required, by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and Superfund, to prearrange evidence which demonstrates their ability to pay for removal costs and certain other damages resulting from an oil or hazardous substance spill. The required amounts of prearranged financial responsibility depend upon the vessel's type and size. A vessel which complies with this law is issued a Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR).

Arvak is approved to provide "other evidence" of financial responsibility under 33 CFR 138.80 (b)(5) in amounts up to three hundred ninety-five million dollars. Arvak is licensed as an insurer under the laws of Bermuda. It is reinsured through an extensive program with reinsurers located in London.

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