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### **Revision of US limits of liability for vessels and deepwater ports /OPA'90**

OPA '90- Oil Pollution Act limits of liability to be adjusted to reflect significant increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in order to preserve the “polluter pays” principle embodied by OPA '90.

According to the Interim Rule, any cumulative increase in the CPI of 3% or greater over a 3 year period will be considered “significant” and will trigger new adjustments to the OPA '90 limits.

#### **REFERENCES:**

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard 33 CFR Part 138

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Consumer Price Index Adjustments of Oil Pollution Act of 1990 Limits of Liability—Vessels and Deepwater Ports

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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