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## **Announcing redeveloped HNS website and new HNS Finder**

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The Secretariat of the IOPC Funds is pleased to announce the redevelopment of the Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) website which includes the new HNS Finder as presented to the 1992 Fund Assembly at its October 2011 session.

The HNS website was established to facilitate the implementation of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of HNS by Sea, 1996 as revised by the Protocol of 2010 to the Convention (2010 HNS Convention)<sup><1></sup>. The site, which was originally launched in 2005, was redeveloped during 2011 to enable users to more easily monitor the status of the Convention and its implementation as well as providing States with easy access to all the relevant instruments, documentation and information required to be able to ratify or accede to the 2010 Protocol.

The key addition to the site is that of the HNS Finder, an interface developed to provide users with access to the consolidated list of all HNS as defined by the 2010 HNS Protocol. It provides information on HNS classification criteria and whether or not a substance qualifies as contributing cargo for the purpose of reporting. If a particular substance is considered contributing cargo, the result also indicates to which HNS Account the substance belongs.

For further information, please visit [www.hnsconvention.org](http://www.hnsconvention.org)

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In accordance with Resolution 1 of the April 2010 International Conference which adopted the Protocol of 2010 to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996 (2010 HNS Protocol), the 1992 Fund Assembly, at its October 2010 session, instructed the Director of the 1992 Fund to carry out the administrative tasks necessary for the setting up of the HNS Fund.