NAME: VESSEL OPERATORS HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

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ARTICLE 1: FULL NAME OF THE AGREEMENT

The full name of this Agreement is the Vessel Operators Hazardous Materials Association Agreement ("Agreement").

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to form an association to advocate common positions before governmental and other bodies, and to discuss, evaluate and reach agreement with respect to matters pertaining to all-water and intermodal transport of hazardous cargoes in the U.S. trades for purposes of promoting safe, consistent and cost beneficial transport of such cargoes.

ARTICLE 3: PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

The parties to this Agreement are listed in Appendix A hereto.

ARTICLE 4: GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement covers the trades between all United States ports, and all U.S. points served via those ports, (including, without limitation, ports and points in Puerto Rico and U.S. territories and possessions), and ports and points in all other countries worldwide (hereinafter the "Trade").
ARTICLE 5: AGREEMENT AUTHORITY

5.1 Under this Agreement, the parties are authorized, but not required to discuss and agree upon all matters relating to the handling and transportation of hazardous cargoes, including:

(a) Positions to be taken in submissions to and proceedings before governmental agencies, departments, legislative bodies, and tribunals, as well as trade associations, international bodies and organizations;

(b) Uniform or differential transportation procedures, requirements, standards, conditions, classifications, rules, and practices in the Trade pertaining to the acceptance, refusal, handling, documentation, transfer, loading, unloading, storage, ocean inland transportation, interchange, and delivery of hazardous cargoes, whether moving under through bill of lading or otherwise, by direct service or transshipment, and whether moving under tariffs, service contracts or otherwise; and

(c) Uniform or differential procedures, requirements, standards, conditions, classifications, rules, and practices relating to the purchase, lease, acceptance, refusal, use, handling, documentation, interchange, transfer, loading, unloading, storage and transport of
intermodal and other equipment, including without limitation, dry containers, tank containers, bolsters, tanks, and chassis.

5.2 The parties may exchange information, statistics, reports, studies and other data pertaining to matters within the scope of Article 5.1.

5.3 Without limitation, any agreement reached on rate or service items subject to tariff filing pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Shipping Act of 1984 shall be a matter of voluntary adherence by each party, and nothing in this Agreement shall bind any party hereto to any such agreement or prevent any party from departing from such agreement at any time upon written notice to the Agreement.

5.4 The parties may agree upon any routine administrative matters relating to the operation or implementation of this Agreement. The parties shall allocate costs incurred hereunder and pay their respective shares thereof in a timely manner.

5.5 For purposes hereof, references to "hazardous cargoes" shall mean cargoes subject to regulation pursuant to the U.S. Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (or government regulations promulgated pursuant thereto) or the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.
ARTICLE 6: OFFICIALS OF THE AGREEMENT AND DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

6.1 From time to time, the parties shall designate a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary and a five person Executive Committee from among the members. The Chairman shall officiate at full meetings of the parties and the Executive Committee. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be authorized to carry out the decisions of the parties. The Executive Committee shall make recommendations to the parties on administrative and organizational matters. The Executive Committee may appoint a General Manager to act as administrator of the Agreement.

6.2 Agreement counsel (including attorneys with Counsel's law firm) shall have the authority to execute and file this Agreement, any modifications to this Agreement, and any forms in support of the foregoing on behalf of the parties, upon appropriate vote taken by the parties.

ARTICLE 7: MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL AND EXPULSION

7.1 Membership - Any ocean common carrier in the Trade is eligible for membership in this Agreement upon execution of a counterpart hereof, provided that said carrier will not become a party to this Agreement until an amendment to this Agreement providing for such membership is effective pursuant to the Shipping Act of 1984.
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ARTICLE 8: VOTING

8.1 Except as provided for in Article 8.2, any consensus or agreement reached by the parties shall be a matter of voluntary adherence by those parties choosing to so agree.

8.2 The following matters shall be subject to binding vote of the parties: (a) membership, expulsion from membership and termination of this Agreement; (b) administrative matters, including allocation of expenses, appointment of chairman and committees, and scheduling of meetings; and (c) amendments to this Agreement. Action on such matters shall require a three quarters vote of the parties present. Voting may also take place through telex, telephone or telefax polls.

8.3 Quorum at full meetings of the Agreement shall require the presence of one half of the parties (either directly or through proxy.)

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SIGNATURE PAGE

Party's Name: EVERGREEN INTERNATIONAL(USA) CORP
as agent for EVERGREEN MARINE CORPORATION (TAIWAN) LTD.

Signed By: JOHN Hsu

Title: SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Date: JUNE 29, 1990

Signature: [Signature]

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Party's Name: SEA-HARD SERVICE, Inc

Signed By: Michael J. Augustyn

Title: Mgr. Bulk/Hazardous Materials

Date: 6/29/96

Signature: Michael J. Augustyn
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PARTY'S NAME: NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, LTD.

SIGNED BY: 

TITLE: 

DATE: 7/3/9

SIGNATURE: 

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Party's Name: P & O CONTAINERS LIMITED

Signed By: THOMAS A. YOST

Title: EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT - OPERATIONS
      NORTH AMERICAN TRADE

Date: JUNE 29, 1990

Signature: ____________________________
Party's Name: "K" Line America, Inc. as agent for Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.

Signed By: U. Janssen

Title: Vice President

Date: June 26, 1990

Signature: [Signature]
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MATERIALS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

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PARTY'S NAME:  AMERICA-AFRICA EUROPE
LINE (AAMEL)

SIGNED BY:  P.H.O. TOOSLY

TITLE:  OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE

DATE:  JULY 5TH, 1990

SIGNATURE:  ____________________
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PARTY'S NAME:  ZIM ISRAEL NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SIGNED BY:      JOHN MILLARD

TITLE:          Senior Vice President

DATE:           July 5, 1990

SIGNATURE:      [Signature]

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PARTY'S NAME: Atlantic Container Line

SIGNED BY: Kolmon Kormondy

TITLE: Hazardous Material Manager

DATE: 7/3/90

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

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PARTY'S NAME: MAERSK INC. 

SIGNED BY: J. D. NIELSEN 

TITLE: GEN. MCR OPERATIONS/INTERMODAL 

DATE: JULY 5TH, 1990 

SIGNATURE: 

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PARTY'S NAME: HAPAG-LLOYD AG

SIGNED BY: TIMOTHY P. COLLINS

TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS

DATE: JULY 05, 1990

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

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PARTY’S NAME: Wilhelmson Lines (USA) Inc.

SIGNED BY: Patrick J. O’Boyle

TITLE: Commercial Manager

DATE: 7/6/90

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

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Party's Name: Farrell Lines Incorporated

Signed By: James E. Bambrick

Title: Senior Vice President

Date: 7/11/90

Signature: [Signature]
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PARTY'S NAME: MITSUI O.S.K. LINES (AMERICA) INC.

SIGNED BY: ISAO OKADA

TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT

DATE: JUne 3, 1990

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APPENDIX A -- Parties to the Agreement

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