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Congresswoman Hirono:

Jones Act Is Not An Impediment to Foreign Aid in Clean Up of BP Oil Spill

Washington, D.C. – In response to incorrect claims that the Jones Act is preventing foreign countries from providing assistance in the wake of the BP oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, **Congresswoman Mazie K. Hirono** (D-Hawaii) notes that there are already 15 foreign-flagged vessels supporting the effort to clean up the largest oil spill in U.S. history.

According to information provided by **National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen**, no Jones Act waivers have been granted because none of these vessels require such a waiver to conduct these emergency operations in the Gulf of Mexico. Should such a waiver be deemed necessary, an expedited process is already in place.

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