



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Sampling of Fuel Oil for Determination of Compliance under Annex VI of the MARPOL 73/78

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Officers, Crew and Classification Societies

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned that some Port State Control Officers may request fuel oil samples taken from ships' pipelines for determination of compliance with Annex VI of the MARPOL 73/78.

1. MARPOL Annex VI requires sulphur content of any fuel oil used on board ships shall not exceed 3.5% on or after 1 January 2012 and 0.5% on or after 1 January 2020. For ships operating within an Emission Control Area, the sulphur content is further limited to 0.1% on or after 1 January 2015.

2. Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) may request master of the ship to collect fuel oil samples from pipelines onboard for determination of the quality of fuel oil to verify the compliance of the MARPOL Annex VI. The U. S. Coast Guard will start a voluntary fuel oil sampling program from 29 February 2016, the masters of Hong Kong registered ships should render full cooperation to assist the PSCOs to collect the fuel oil samples upon request. The samples will be taken at appropriate locations by the ship's crew witnessed by the PSCOs. Please refer to the U.S. Coast Guard's website for details:

http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/003_16_2-17-2016.pdf

3. All parties concerned are advised to take note the information mentioned above.

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