Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Regulations on Sulphur content of fuel oil in Hong Kong waters.

1. The Hong Kong Water authority in compliance of "Air Pollution Control (Fuel for Vessels) Regulation", L.N.135 of 2018 has informed that ships currently berthing (excluding the first hour after arrival and the first hour prior to departure) or sailing in Hong Kong waters on or after 1 January 2019 are required to use fuel oils whose sulphur content does not exceed 0.5% by weight, liquefied natural gas or other fuels approved by the authority.

2. In addition, the followings are be recorded in the ship's log book, and this log book, the bunker delivery note and the written procedures for conducting a switching operation are to be kept on board for verification of inspection authority:

    a. The date and time when the ship enters Hong Kong waters;

    b. The date and time when the ship exits Hong Kong waters;

    c. The date, time and position of the ship when a fuel switch operation to compliant fuel is completed;

    d. The volume and sulphur content of the compliant fuel carried on the ship for operating its specified machinery when a fuel switch operation to compliant fuel is completed;

    e. The date, time and the position of the ship when a fuel switch operation to non-compliant fuel commences and

    f. The volume and sulphur content of the compliant fuel carried on the ship for operating its specified machinery when a fuel switch operation to non-compliant fuel commences.

3. Ship owners /operators and masters are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. Nil

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