

REGULATIONS ON SULPHUR CONTENT OF FUEL OIL WITHIN TAIWANESE COMMERCIAL PORTS

Application: All ship-owners, operators, masters and officers of merchant ships and authorised Classification societies, Barbados Registrars and Nautical Inspectors

We have been advised that ships intending to enter Taiwanese international commercial ports on or after 1st January 2019 will be required to use a fuel oil in which the Sulphur content does not exceed 0.5% by weight. The new global limit will come into effect on 1st January 2020.

The seven international commercial ports subject to this regulation are: Keelung, Tachung, Kaohsiung, Hualien, Taipei, Suao and Anping.

It is further advised that alternative methods of complying with this regulation (e.g. the use of Exhaust Gas Cleaning System (EGCS), etc) are permitted subject to Flag Administration approval. Taiwan International Ports Corporation Ltd (TIPC) will provide rewards to ocean-going ships entering Taiwanese international ports and using fuel oils with Sulphur contents 0.5% or less, prior to 1st January 2019. A notice of rewards for the period 23 July 2018 to 31 December 2018 has also been stated: rewards will continue to be given until the total amount budgeted (45,000,000 million Taiwan Dollars) has been reached.