

## REGULATIONS ON SULPHUR CONTENT OF FUEL OIL IN HONG KONG WATERS

**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 currently berthing in Hong Kong waters (excluding the first hour after arrival and the first hour prior to departure) 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 Hong Kong authorities.

However, in accordance with the “Air Pollution Control (Fuel for Vessels) Regulation”, L.N.135 of 2018, not only ships berthing, but also ships sailing in Hong Kong waters on or after 1 January 2019 shall be required to use fuel oils whose sulphur content does not exceed 0.5% by weight, liquefied natural gas or other fuels approved by the Hong Kong authorities.

In addition, the following must 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 must be kept on board:

1. The date and time when the ship enters Hong Kong waters;
2. The date and time when the ship exits Hong Kong waters;
3. The date, time and position of the ship when a fuel switch operation to compliant fuel is completed;
4. 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;
5. The date, time and the position of the ship when a fuel switch operation to non-compliant fuel commences and
6. 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.