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NEW FUEL SULPHUR REGULATIONS FOR VESSELS IN TURKISH PORTS, INLAND WATERWAYS AND TERRITORIAL WATERS FROM 1 JANUARY 2012

Please be informed that from 1 January 2012, new fuel sulphur regulations will be applicable for ships at berth in Turkish ports, in Turkish inland waterways, and in waters under the Turkish maritime jurisdiction.

From this date, there will also be new fuel sulphur requirements imposed on the sale and circulation of marine fuels in Turkish ports, as well as on Turkey-flagged vessels in the Emission Control Areas (ECAs) specified under MARPOL Annex VI.

For the full regulatory details, please refer to the attached document.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards
Eirik Andreassen
Managing Director

ISTANBUL & MARMARA, AEGEAN, MEDITERRANEAN, BLACKSEA REGIONS
CHAMBER OF SHIPPING

Istanbul :

Our Reference : 3528

21.09.2011

Subject : About Quality of Fuel

Circular No: 517 / 2011

Reference: 07.09.2011 dated and 25963 numbered letter of Prime Ministry, Undersecretariat of Maritime Affairs, General Directorate of Marine Transport.

It is enclosed herewith the Reference letter containing that vessels coming to ports of our country can not use marine diesel whose Sulphur content exceeds 0.1% by mass as of 01.01.2012 and also, vessels with Turkish Flag shall not use marine fuels whose sulphur content exceeds 1,5% in SOx Emission Detection Fields determined by IMO in accordance with Marpol Annex-VI,

Likewise, Passenger Vessels sailing in our country's marine jurisdictions can not use marine fuels whose Sulphur content exceeds 1.5% by mass.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours Faithfully,

Signature
Murat TUNCER
General Secretary

ANNEXES:

ANNEX-1: Reference letter (2 pages)

DISTRIBUTION:

Due:

- To All Members (in Web page)
- Turkish Shipowners Association
- S/S Ship Owners Motor Carriers Coop.
- Maritime Association of Shipowners and Agents
- IMEAK DTO 14 and 30 Numbered Prof. Com. Chair.
- Association of Ship Fuel Suppliers
- S/S Sea Tankers Fuel Oil Transport Coop.

Information:

- Y/K Chairman and Members
- IMEAK DTO Environment Commission

REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, PRIME MINISTRY, UNDERSECRETARIAT OF MARITIME AFFAIRS
General Directorate of Marine Transport

Number : B.02.01.DNM/0.06.14.01.143.01/25963

07/09/2011

Subject : Quality of Fuel

TO ISTANBUL & MARMARA, AEGEAN, MEDITERRANEAN, BLACKSEA REGIONS
CHAMBER OF SHIPPING
(Meclisi Mebusan Cad. No: 22 Fındıklı / ISTANBUL)

- Reference: a) 04.08.2011 dated and 1116 numbered your letter,
b) 21.06.2011 dated and 2480 numbered letter of IMEAK Chamber of Shipping addressed to your Ministry,
c) "Regulation on Reduction of Sulphur Rate in Some Types of Fuel Oils", which has entered into force by being published in 6 October 2009 dated and 27368 numbered Official Gazette,
d) "Regulation about Making Amendment in the Regulation on Reduction of Sulphur Rate in Some Types of Fuel Oils", which has entered into force by being published in 31 December 2009 dated and 27449 numbered Official Gazette,

It is stated that it is requested to continue using the normal marine fuels in the reference (b) letter by IMEAK (Istanbul & Marmara, Aegean, Mediterranean, Blacksea Regions) Chamber of Shipping on account of the fact that any emission detection field has not been declared in our country yet by stating with your reference (a) letter that vessels coming to ports of our country as of 2012 can not use marine diesel whose sulphur content exceeds 0,1 % under the scope of "Regulation on Reduction of Sulphur Rate in Some Types of Fuel Oils", which has entered into force with 29.09.2009 dated and 2009/15478 numbered Council of Ministers' Decision; it can not be understood how to make the application for the fossil fuels. In the continuation of letter, it is requested to assess the reference (b) letter sent in the attachment of letter with reference to the works conducted by our Undersecretariat in connection with marine fuels and to inform its result to your Ministry.

As it is known, reference (c) regulation, enacted in coordination with your Ministry for harmonization with European Union Directives before "Environment Section" negotiated within the scope of harmonization works conducted in European Union membership process, has replaced with reference (d) regulation.

When reference (b) letter is inspected, it is understood that reference (c) and (d) regulations are interpreted as "vessels coming to ports of our country can not use marine diesel whose sulphur content exceeds 0.1% by mass as of 01.01.2012". Before aforementioned regulation is enacted and subsequently, meetings have been organized by the sector representatives regarding the subject with the participation of Energy Market Regulatory Board (EPDK), Association of Ship Fuel Suppliers and Chamber of Shipping and such developments have been mentioned in the aforementioned meetings.

In this respect, marine fuels have been determined by the regulations enacted by EPDK and while fuels which are commonly defined as gas oil or diesel in the marine language, are called as Group I marine diesel and Group II marine diesel in the relevant regulations, fuels which are commonly defined as fuel oil in the marine language, are called as marine fuel in the relevant regulations. These fuels are produced and supplied to the market according to TR ISO 8217 standard in our country.

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It is resolved in 7th article of reference (c) regulation amended with reference (d) that marine fuels whose sulphur content exceeds 0,1 % by mass can not be used as of 01.01.2012 in the inland vessels and in the vessels on the quay. It has been resolved according to the communiqué enacted by EPDK and published in 11 October 2009 dated and 27373 numbered Official Gazette (Bunker Fuel Serial No: 3) that from among marine fuels supplied to the market or circulating as of 31.12.2011, Group I marine diesel can contain maximum 0,1 % sulphur and Group II marine diesel can contain maximum 1,5 % sulphur and this situation is supportive to the provision of aforementioned regulation.

Although it is also stated according to 5th article of reference (c) regulation amended with reference (d) that marine fuels, whose sulphur content exceeds 1,5 %, is not used in SOx Emission Detection Fields in our country's marine jurisdictions, there is not any SOx Emission Detection Field determined in our country yet. However, it has been also resolved in this article that vessels with Turkish flag can not use marine fuels whose sulphur content exceeds 1,5% in accordance with MARPOL Annex 6 in SOx Emission Detection Fields defined by International Maritime Organization. Additionally, it has been also resolved in this article that all passenger vessels providing regular service should use marine fuels whose sulphur content does not exceed 1,5 % while they are sailing in our country's marine jurisdiction.

Consequently, marine fuels have been regulated with the aforementioned regulations and there is not any additional regulation made by our Undersecretariat.

I kindly request you to be informed and to take necessary actions.

Signature

Dr. Ozkan POYRAZ
On behalf of Undersecretary
General Manager

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(General Directorate of Environment Management)

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