

**Notice on the Vetting Implementation of Tupras Refineries in
Turkey for All Oil Tankers Calling at Tupras**

To all tanker companies,

According to the information received from INTERTANKO and Maritime Administrator of Marshall Islands, Tupras (Turkish Petroleum Refineries Corporation) refineries, the biggest petroleum refinery of Turkey, will undertake vetting for vessels calling at its jetty. Please see details shown as follows:

From 1 March crude oil carriers, and all product vessels from 1 April, without any limitation on the flag, age and deadweight tonnage, arriving at Tupras, Tutunciftlik/Izmit and Aliaga/Izmir terminals will be subject to vetting during their operation in order to improve human health and environmental safety, to protect the district's assets and to maintain commercial prominence by decreasing the risks of possible sea accidents and pollution.

Ditas Deniz Isletmeciligi Ve Tankerciligi A.S is acting as a vetting contractor for Tupras Refineries. Their contact details are:

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All vessels calling at Tupras Refineries, no restrictions identified about vessels' age, vessel structure, CAP rating, or kind of Classification Society, will be vetted on the jetty, and evaluated as to whether they comply with the following rules/standards:

1. International Convention & Regulations
2. Classification Society Rules & Regulations
3. Ports State & Flag State Requirements
4. Vessel Inspection Questionnaire
5. Compliance with IMO, OCIMF, ISGOTT, ICS recommendations and provisions

Vessels' Masters are to cooperate with the responsible personnel and to provide all necessary information and documents requested during the vetting procedure.

All tanker companies are hereby advised to pay due attention to the above requirements and take appropriate actions.

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Attachment:

Marshall Islands Marine Safety Advisory No.9-10

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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY NO. 9-10

To: Regional Marine Safety Offices, Nautical Inspectors, Masters, Owners/Agents

Subject: NEW VETTING RULES AT TUPRAS, TURKEY

Date: 2 March 2010

Please be advised that the following has been received from the Gulf Agency Company (GAC) regarding new vetting requirements for vessels calling at Tüpräs (Turkish Petroleum Refineries Corporation) refineries.

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