

Notice on Implementation of Sulphur Content of Fuel Oil Requirements for Ships Operating Outside the Emission Control Areas on and after 1 January 2012

All relevant shipping companies, CCS surveyors and auditors:

As already advised in CCS Circular No.29 issued on 31 May 2010, the limit value of the sulphur content of any fuel oil used onboard ships will be changed from 4.50% m/m to 3.50% m/m on 1 January 2012 in accordance with Regulation 14 of MARPOL ANNEX VI. Therefore, at the time of bunkering, please make sure that the sulphur content of the fuel oil used onboard ship on and after that date satisfies the new limit value unless the ship complies with the above requirements through the use of an exhaust gas cleaning system or other system that is approved as equivalent in accordance with Regulation 4 of MARPOL ANNEX VI.

As the requirements of the Regulation 14 of MARPOL ANNEX VI, if applicable, this Society will reissue the IAPP Certificate and the Supplement based on the CCS Circular No.137 at any first-coming IAPP-class and/or statutory survey (including occasional/additional survey) from now on.

Futhermore, the IAPP Certificate Supplement form AIR was amended based on MEPC.194(61) and MEPC.1/Circ.757. The latest edition of form AIR is Rev. 3.1 which has come into force on 1 Feb. 2012. For those ship carried onboard Ver. 3.0 of Form AIR, when deemed necessary, the ship owner may also apply to the nearby CCS survey unit based on the port which ship will call, or alternatively apply to relevant CCS branches according to shipping company' business area, for the issuance of latest version of form AIR. This Society will re-issue the latest form AIR and form IAPP free of charge.

Meanwhile, added the statutory memoranda in ship survey status if applicable, as follows:
“According to the Reg. 14 of MARPOL ANNEX VI, if necessary, the IAPP Certificate/Document of Compliance and Form AIR (Ver. 3.0 or earlier) shall be re-issued in compliance with the requirements of CCS Circ.No.137 at any first-coming IAPP-class and/or statutory Survey. For more details, please refer to CCS Circular No.137 & CCS Classification Information No. 180(rev.1).”
After reissued the IAPP Certificate and the Supplement based on the CCS Circular No.137, this Society's surveyors will delete the above statutory memoranda.

Hereby notify the above.

Classed Ship in Service Dept.
China Classification Society

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