

# JAPAN P&I NEWS

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To the Members

Dear Sirs,

## **Hong Kong –Low Sulphur Regulation**

The Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department has issued the attached notice dated 12 March 2015 about the new regulation prohibiting vessels from using any fuel oils with a sulphur content exceeding 0.5%.

According to the notice, the Regulation was submitted to the Legislative Council on 18 March and, if approved, would enter into force on 1 July 2015. The Regulation requires the ocean-going vessels calling at Hong Kong ports to use a fuel with a sulphur content not exceeding 0.5% while at berth in Hong Kong (except for the first hour after berthing and the last hour before departure), and to record the time and date of the vessels' arrival/departure/fuel switching in the log book, and keep the relevant log book/bunker delivery notes on board for 3 years available for inspection by the Authority. Non-compliance with the Regulation may result in a penalty of up to HK\$200,000 or a six month imprisonment

Members whose vessels are scheduled to call at Hong Kong after 1 July 2015 are reminded to pay attention to the compliance with the above Regulation.

Yours faithfully,

**The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association**

Attachment: Notice dated 12 March 2015 by the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department

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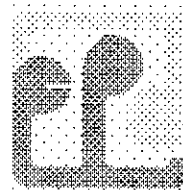
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Dear Sir / Madam,

### **Air Pollution Control (Ocean Going Vessels) (Fuel at Berth) Regulation**

We would like to inform you that the Air Pollution Control (Ocean Going Vessels) (Fuel at Berth) Regulation (the Regulation) will be gazetted this Friday (13 March 2013). It will be tabled to Legislative Council on 18 March 2015 and, if approved by the Council, will become effective on 1 July 2015.

2. The Regulation prohibits ocean going vessels (OGVs) from using non-compliant fuel while at berth. Its key provisions are as follows-

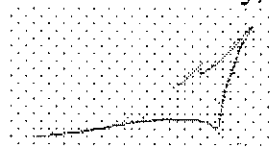
- (a) During the prohibition period (i.e. the period that an OGV is at berth excluding the first hour upon arrival and the last hour before departure), the OGV is prohibited from using any fuel other than compliant fuel for the operation of the main engines (except when used for propulsion of the OGVs), auxiliary engines, boilers or generators. Compliant fuel means any of the following:
  - (i) low sulphur marine fuel (sulphur content not exceeding 0.5% by weight);
  - (ii) liquefied natural gas; or
  - (iii) other fuels approved by the air pollution control authority ("the Authority", i.e. the Director of Environmental Protection) on the ground that its use can achieve SO<sub>2</sub> reduction at least as effectively as using low sulphur marine fuel.

The Regulation also contains defences to the offence for contravening this prohibition.

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- (b) The particulars about an OGV's arrival and departure and the fuel switch operations will need to be recorded in the log book of the OGV concerned.
  - (c) The relevant log book(s) and bunker delivery notes of the relevant OGV are required to be kept on board for 3 years and be made readily available for inspection by the Authority.
  - (d) The Authority may, by written notice, require the owner or the master of an OGV to submit copies of the documents referred to in (c) above.
3. The maximum penalty for contravention of the Regulation is a fine of \$200,000 and imprisonment for 6 months.
4. You can view the details of the Regulation in the webpage below.  
[http://library.legco.gov.hk:1080/search~S10?Xm:\(ocean+going+vessels\)&searchscope=10&b=lcdms&SORT=D/Xm:\(ocean+going+vessels\)&searchscope=10&b=lcdms&SORT=D&SUBKEY=m%3A\(ocean+going+vessels\)/1%2C404%2C404%2CB/frameset&FF=Xm%3A%28ocean+going+vessels%29&SORT=D&4%2C4%2C](http://library.legco.gov.hk:1080/search~S10?Xm:(ocean+going+vessels)&searchscope=10&b=lcdms&SORT=D/Xm:(ocean+going+vessels)&searchscope=10&b=lcdms&SORT=D&SUBKEY=m%3A(ocean+going+vessels)/1%2C404%2C404%2CB/frameset&FF=Xm%3A%28ocean+going+vessels%29&SORT=D&4%2C4%2C)
5. Please feel free to contact me at 2594 6070 or my colleague Ms LUI at 2594 6223 if you have any enquiries.

Yours faithfully,



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