

## Circular 258/2022

**To:** Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, and other interested parties.

**Subject:** MARPOL requirements on fuel oil sampling points – Regulation VI/14-Paragraphs 10-13

### **Attachments:**

- [RESOLUTION MEPC.324\(75\) - AMENDMENTS TO MARPOL ANNEX VI](#)

- [MEPC.1/Circ.864/Rev.1 - 2019 GUIDELINES FOR ON BOARD SAMPLING FOR THE VERIFICATION OF THE SULPHUR CONTENT OF THE FUEL OIL USED ON BOARD SHIPS.](#)

- [MEPC.1/Circ.889 - 2020 GUIDELINES FOR ON BOARD SAMPLING OF FUEL OIL INTENDED TO BE USED OR CARRIED FOR USE ON BOARD A SHIP](#)

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### **Summary**

On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 new amendments to MARPOL Annex VI as modified by Resolution MEPC.324(75) will enter into force.

The new Regulation 14 (in paragraphs 10 and 11) has introduced requirements for sampling points to be designated for the analysis of the bunker carried on board by competent authority.

### **Application**

The new requirements will apply to every ship of 400 GT and above including fixed and floating drilling rig or other platforms.

Paragraphs 10 and 11 of Regulation 14 will not apply to fuel oil service system(s) for a low-flashpoint fuel (less than 60 degC) for combustion purposes for propulsion or operations.

### **Definitions**

*MARPOL delivered sample* means the sample of fuel oil delivered in accordance with regulation 18.8.1, i.e., the traditional bunker sample taken during bunkering, accompanying the Bunker Delivery Note (BDN) and which represents the fuel oil delivered on board.

*In-use sample* means a sample of fuel oil in use on a ship, as defined by MEPC.1/Circ.864/Rev. 1, and for which sampling points shall be designated.

*On board sample* means a sample of fuel oil intended to be used or carried for use on board that ship, as defined by MEPC.1/Circ.889.

### **Designated Sample Points**

For every ship subject to the application of Annex VI, the sampling points shall be fitted or designated for taking *in-use samples* of the fuel being used on board of the ship, taking into account the guidelines set up in the MEPC.Circ.864/Rev.1, by the following schedule:

- **Existing ships** – which are keel laid before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022: not later than first IAPP renewal survey on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023;
- **New ships** – which are keel laid on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022: on delivery.

Please refer to MEPC.1/Circ.864/Rev.1 for sampling points location. While the preferred solution may be to designate already existing sampling points, fitting and designating new sampling points may in some cases be the only option. For such cases, the vessel's Classification Society should be involved to verify the design, location, and fittings' material.

Additionally, owners and managers can address their queries to the following email address:

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