

Engineering Circular No. 58

NO: ENG/OPP/MARPOL-38(5)/04

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Sub: Guidelines for registration as Bunker Supplier as per Annex VI, MARPOL 73/78

Reference is invited to Engineering Circulars No. 45 dated 28.02.2005, No. 50 dated 18.05.2005 and No. 52 dated 08.06.2005 of the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), on the above subject. It was brought to the notice of all concerned, supplying bunkers to the ships, drilling rigs and platforms, vide Engineering Circular No. 45 about the requirements for registration as Bunker Supplier with the DGS, in order to comply with Annex VI, MARPOL 73/78, which came into force from 19 May 2005. Subsequently, the DGS vide Engineering Circular No. 50 extended the date for completion of registration formalities to those Bunker Suppliers supplying bunkers to vessels trading exclusively on Indian coast till August 31, 2005. The said Circular clearly states that only registered bunker suppliers can supply bunkers to foreign going ships and in case any such ship is found to have received bunkers from unregistered bunker supplier, the Flag State or Port State Control authorities may detain the ship.

The Engineering Circular No. 45 stipulated that the Bunker Supplier should have a Quality Management system (QMS) for "bunker supply chain" in line with ISO 9001:2000 by April 2005 for registration with DGS. As most of the Bunker Suppliers were unable to meet this requirement within the stipulated date, the DGS has issued interim Registration Certificates to the deserving applicants valid for a period of 6 months, which was informed to all concerned vide Engineer Circular No.50. Further, the circular clearly stated that **no extension will be granted, nor their certificates renewed till such time they have quality management system for the bunker supply chain.**

The purpose of this circular is to remind all concerned and Bunker Suppliers who have been issued with interim Registration Certificates that **6 months period of extension given by DGS for obtaining ISO certificate of the Quality Management System for their bunker supply chain expires on 18.11.2005, and no further extension will be granted.** Further, it is hereby informed that the DGS shall not register any fresh applicant requesting for registration as Bunker Supplier without QMS certification.

The DGS vide Engineering Circular No. 52 has already informed that Bunker Suppliers should incorporate transportation system in their bunker supply chain including engaging barges, trucks etc, and same should be reflected in their quality system. This is to ensure that the quality of bunker supplied to the ships is maintained during transportation. Further, bunker transporters purchasing bunkers from product suppliers (refineries) and selling to the parties and interested to register as bunker supplier are required to meet all the requirements as stipulated in the above referred DGS Circulars and Regulations 14 & 18, of Annex VI, MARPOL 73/78. In spite of clarifying the requirements by circulars referred above, it has been observed from the Quality Management System manuals submitted by some Bunker Suppliers that their QMS has not covered all the requirements stated in the circulars and the Directorate has not been able to register them as Bunker Suppliers.

The DGS vide Circular ENG/OPP/MARPOL-38(5)/04 dated 28. 02. 2005 titled 'Approval of Fuel Oil Testing Laboratories ' MARPOL 73/78, Annex VI' has identified some of the fuel oil testing laboratories available

in India with details of facilities. Further, it was informed that test results from these and any other laboratories would be acceptable subject to their obtaining necessary approval from Classification Societies and also registering with NABL as explained in D.G. Shipping Engineering Circular No.51 dated 03.06.2005 "Avoiding Malpractices in ISO 9001:2000 Certification". These laboratories were requested to approach one of the Classification Societies listed in the circular for obtaining approval of their laboratories. However till date, only SGS India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai has informed this Directorate about their accreditation by NABL and approval by the Classification Societies. Hence, the fuel oil testing laboratories that have not yet registered with NABL and not approved by a Classification Society are once again requested to obtain their laboratories registered/approved by them as stated in the DGS circulars, at the earliest and inform this Directorate for further necessary action.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Surveyor with the Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

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