

Engineering Circular No. 52

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

Dated 8th June,2005

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

Reference is invited to Engineering Circular No. 45 of this Directorate dated 28.02.2005 on the subject, where in, all local bunker suppliers supplying bunkers to the ships, drilling rigs and platforms are required to be registered with the Directorate by 19.04.2004 in order to comply with Annex VI, MARPOL 73/78. Subsequently, the Directorate vide Engineering Circular 50 dated 18.05.2005 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.

As the result of the circulars, many bunker suppliers applied for registration and the eligible parties were issued with registration certificates. Processing applications and issuing registration certificates to the reputed bunker suppliers who are also product suppliers complying with the relevant regulations and requirements have been straightforward cases. Such cases have been dealt with immediately and registration certificates issued on production of the requisite information. However, many applications received for registration have been found not meeting the requirements of Circulars and Annex VI, MARPOL 73/78. For example, many owners of bunker barges have applied for registration as bunker supplier, whereas, they are only transporters forming part of the transportation chain of the bunker suppliers registered with the Directorate. Such barge owners need not require to be registered as bunker supplier.

It is the responsibility of the registered bunker supplier to incorporate transportation system of bunkers including engaging barges, trucks etc, in their quality system in their bunker supply chain. This is to ensure that the quality of bunker supplied to the ships is maintained during transportation. However, 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 DGS Circulars and Regulations 14 & 18, of Annex VI, MARPOL 73/78. It means that they have to issue Bunker Delivery Note (BDN) and provide sealed bunker samples to the ships when bunkers are supplied. The results furnished in such BDN issued by the bunker transporters for the bunkers supplied by them are to be obtained from laboratories recognised for analysis of fuel by the competent authorities. The results also will have to comply with the above referred MARPOL Regulations. Further, such bunker transports need to develop procedures for their entire operations as Bunker Supplier and obtained ISO certification in order to qualify them as a Bunker Supplier.

The following are the fuel oil testing laboratories available and identified by this Directorate in India with details of facilities in the remark column. Test results from these and any other laboratory would be acceptable subject to their obtaining necessary approval as per Directorate General of Shipping's Circular ENG/OPP/MARPOL-38(5)/04 dated 28. 02. 2005 titled 'Approval of Fuel Oil Testing Laboratories'

MARPOL 73/78, Annex VI' and registered with NABL as explained in D.G. Shipping Engineering Circular No.51 dated 03.06.2005 "Avoiding Malpractices in ISO 9001:2000 Certification".

Sr. No.	Name of Firm	Location of laboratories	Remarks
1.	Therapeutics Chemical Research Corporation Shiv Industrial Esate, 2nd, 3rd Floor, K.V. Balmukund Marg, Chinchpokli, Mumbai 400 012. Tel. 23776741 / 23740071 23754714	Mumbai,Chennai, Gandhidam,Jamnagar, Vizag & Bellary	Recognized by National Agricultural Co-op Marketing Federation, Food Corpn. of India and Other Govt. & Semi- Govt. bodies like Mumbai Port Trust, Railways RITES Ltd.
2.	SGS India Pvt. Ltd. SGS House, 4/B Adi Shankaracharya Marg, Pawai Road, Vikroli (W), Mumbai 400 083 Tel. 25798421-27	Thane (Mumbai)	Laboratory is capable of carrying out the sulphur analysis in Fuel Oil sample using ASTM-D-4294 standard.
3.	GEO Chem Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. 36, Raja industrial Estate, P.K.Road, Mulund (W) Mumbai 400 080. Tel. 55974999	Mulund (Mumbai)	Recognized by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories Bureau of Indian Standards, Union International Des Laboratories Independent, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage ' Govt. of India, Indian Oil Produce Exporters Association.
4.	Reliance Industries Ltd. Jamnagar Reliance House, 15, W.H. Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001 Tel. 30322135 / 2136		Exclusively for Product and marketed by them and are not in a position to test other fuel samples.
5.	Indian Oil Corpn.Ltd. Shipping Department Head Office, Marketing	Kandla, Mumbai, Vasco-Goa, Chennai, Paradip, Halida and	-----Do-----

Devision, G-9, Ali Yavar
Jung Marg, Bandra (E),
Mumbai 400 051.
Tel. 26421362 / 26441431

Kolkata

6. Bharat Petroleum
Corporation Ltd.
Administrative Building,
4th Floor, Mahul, Chembur
Mumbai 400 074.
Tel. 22713677 / 22713423

Kandla, Cochin, Madras
Vizag, Halida and
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This circular also brings to the notice of those who have received short term bunker registration certificate and do not comply with all the requirements stated above will not qualify to obtain full term registration nor extension of their registration certificates.

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

Yours faithfully,

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