ISTANBUL & MARMARA, AEGEAN, MEDITERRANEAN, BLACKSEA REGIONS
CHAMBER OF SHIPPING

Istanbul : 


Subject : About Quality of Fuel

Circular No: 517 / 2011


It is enclosed herewith the Reference letter containing that vessels coming to ports of our country can not use marine diesel whose Sulphur content exceeds 0.1% by mass as of 01.01.2012 and also, vessels with Turkish Flag shall not use marine fuels whose sulphur content exceeds 1.5% in SOx Emission Detection Fields determined by IMO in accordance with Marpol Annex-VI,

Likewise, Passenger Vessels sailing in our country’s marine jurisdictions can not use marine fuels whose Sulphur content exceeds 1.5% by mass.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours Faithfully,

Signature
Murat TUNCER
General Secretary

ANNEXES:
ANNEX-1: Reference letter (2 pages)

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- IMEAK DTO 14 and 30 Numbered Prof. Com. Chair.
- Association of Ship Fuel Suppliers
- S/S Sea Tankers Fuel Oil Transport Coop.
TO ISTANBUL & MARMARA, AEGEAN, MEDITERRANEAN, BLACKSEA REGIONS
CHAMBER OF SHIPPING
(Meclisi Mebusan Cad. No: 22 Fındıklı / ISTANBUL)

Reference: a) 04.08.2011 dated and 1116 numbered your letter,
            b) 21.06.2011 dated and 2480 numbered letter of IMEAK Chamber of Shipping addressed
to your Ministry,
            c) “Regulation on Reduction of Sulphur Rate in Some Types of Fuel Oils”, which has
               entered into force by being published in 6 October 2009 dated and 27368 numbered Official
               Gazette,
            d) “Regulation about Making Amendment in the Regulation on Reduction of Sulphur Rate
               in Some Types of Fuel Oils”, which has entered into force by being published in 31
               December 2009 dated and 27449 numbered Official Gazette,

It is stated that it is requested to continue using the normal marine fuels in the reference (b)
letter by IMEAK (Istanbul & Marmara, Aegean, Mediterranean, Blacksea Regions) Chamber of
Shipping on account of the fact that any emission detection field has not been declared in our country
yet by stating with your reference (a) letter that vessels coming to ports of our country as of 2012 can
not use marine diesel whose sulphur content exceeds 0.1% under the scope of “Regulation on
Reduction of Sulphur Rate in Some Types of Fuel Oils”, which has entered into force with 29.09.2009
dated and 2009/15478 numbered Council of Ministers’ Decision; it can not be understood how to
make the application for the fossil fuels. In the continuation of letter, it is requested to assess the
reference (b) letter sent in the attachment of letter with reference to the works conducted by our
Undersecretariat in connection with marine fuels and to inform its result to your Ministry.

As it is known, reference (c) regulation, enacted in coordination with your Ministry for
harmonization with European Union Directives before “Environment Section” negotiated within the
scope of harmonization works conducted in European Union membership process, has replaced with
reference (d) regulation.

When reference (b) letter is inspected, it is understood that reference (c) and (d) regulations
are interpreted as “vessels coming to ports of our country can not use marine diesel whose sulphur
content exceeds 0.1% by mass as of 01.01.2012”. Before aforementioned regulation is enacted and
subsequently, meetings have been organized by the sector representatives regarding the subject with
the participation of Energy Market Regulatory Board (EPDK), Association of Ship Fuel Suppliers and
Chamber of Shipping and such developments have been mentioned in the aforementioned meetings.

In this respect, marine fuels have been determined by the regulations enacted by EPDK and
while fuels which are commonly defined as gas oil or diesel in the marine language, are called as
Group I marine diesel and Group II marine diesel in the relevant regulations, fuels which are
commonly defined as fuel oil in the marine language, are called as marine fuel in the relevant
regulations. These fuels are produced and supplied to the market according to TR ISO 8217 standard
in our country.
It is resolved in 7th article of reference (c) regulation amended with reference (d) that marine fuels whose sulphur content exceeds 0,1 % by mass can not be used as of 01.01.2012 in the inland vessels and in the vessels on the quay. It has been resolved according to the communiqué enacted by EPDK and published in 11 October 2009 dated and 27373 numbered Official Gazette (Bunker Fuel Serial No: 3) that from among marine fuels supplied to the market or circulating as of 31.12.2011, Group I marine diesel can contain maximum 0,1 % sulphur and Group II marine diesel can contain maximum 1,5 % sulphur and this situation is supportive to the provision of aforementioned regulation.

Although it is also stated according to 5th article of reference (c) regulation amended with reference (d) that marine fuels, whose sulphur content exceeds 1,5 %, is not used in SOx Emission Detection Fields in our country’s marine jurisdictions, there is not any SOx Emission Detection Field determined in our country yet. However, it has been also resolved in this article that vessels with Turkish flag can not use marine fuels whose sulphur content exceeds 1,5% in accordance with MARPOL Annex 6 in SOx Emission Detection Fields defined by International Maritime Organization. Additionally, it has been also resolved in this article that all passenger vessels providing regular service should use marine fuels whose sulphur content does not exceed 1,5 % while they are sailing in our country’s marine jurisdiction.

Consequently, marine fuels have been regulated with the aforementioned regulations and there is not any additional regulation made by our Undersecretariat.

I kindly request you to be informed and to take necessary actions.

Signature
Dr. Ozkan POYRAZ
On behalf of Undersecretary
General Manager

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