



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

2011 Guidelines for the Carriage of Blends of Petroleum Oil and Bio-Fuels

To : *Shipowners, Ship Managers, Operators, Masters and Classification Societies*

Summary

This Note informs that MEPC of IMO at its 62nd session has adopted guidelines aiming to clarify how bio-fuels when blended with petroleum oils can be shipped in bulk. The new guidelines are effective from 1 September 2011.

1. On 4 August 2011, the IMO issued a circular MEPC.1/Circ.761 to promulgate the approved “2011 Guidelines for the Carriage of Blends of Petroleum Oil and Bio-Fuels”. The new guidelines are effective from 1 September 2011.
2. The Guidelines clarify how bio-fuels subject to Annex II of MARPOL, when blended with petroleum oils, subject to Annex I of MARPOL, can be shipped in bulk. The physical blending on board of petroleum oil and bio-fuels during a sea voyage to create new products is prohibited as indicated in MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.8.
3. The circular MEPC.1/Circ.761 can be found as annex to this Note on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
4. All parties concerned are advised to follow the Guidelines and act accordingly.

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