



FOBAS Bulletin

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ULSFO fuels exceeding 0.10% sulphur limit in ARA region

In recent days FOBAS has tested a number of samples from ARA Region (Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp), which were ordered and supplied as ULSFO (0.10%), however had tested sulphur contents which exceeded the 0.10% limit. The tested results ranged from 0.12 % m/m – 0.14 % m/m

As per MARPOL Annex VI regulation 14.4.3, ships within the Emission Control Areas (ECA-SOx) are required to use marine fuels with a sulphur content not exceeding 0.10% unless demonstrating compliance through alternative means.

In view of the above, if your ships are planning to bunker in ARA region, we recommend that suppliers are advised of your concerns regarding the sulphur content of the fuel in the area, and that they provide you with additional reassurance that they will adhere to the ISO 8217 requirements for the grade ordered and relevant regulatory requirements.

Additional attention should be given to the collection of bunker samples. It should be ensured that all parties have witnessed the sampling process and have signed witness forms accordingly, and that the supporting documentation includes records of all the samples considered representative of the fuel as loaded

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