

# FOBAS Bulletin

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## LR Issues Guidance Notes for Approvals and Use of Marine Biofuels

With the drive towards a decarbonised future gaining momentum, shipping has seen an increasing interest in renewable fuels such as biofuels. Many are considering biofuels as an interim solution which does not require any significant adjustments to the existing supply chain infrastructure and machinery and is considered as a drop-in fuel before zero-carbon fuels become widely available for maritime operations.

To address the increasing number of statutory, class and operational challenges and questions related to the use of biofuels, LR has issued a comprehensive Guidance Notes document which can be downloaded from this [link](#).

The guidance document has been divided into four chapters. First chapter introduces biofuels in maritime context and an update on current regulatory and standardisation framework. Second and third chapters deal with statutory and class approvals and addresses key system design, material, operational and compliance requirements from both perspectives. Final chapter sheds light on general operational and practical use of biofuels onboard ships.

We trust you will find this guidance document useful and if you are planning to use biofuel blends on your ships, FOBAS can provide further advisory support and comprehensive fuel quality testing service to characterise biofuels to ensure smooth ship operations.

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### Guidance Notes for Class and Statutory Approval and Use of Marine Biofuels

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