

STATUTORY ALERT

EU Sulphur Directive 2005/33/EC – Limitation on the sulphur content of fuel oils used by ships while ‘at berth’ in ports within the European Union

APPLICABILITY

All shipowners and operators

INFORMATION

EU Directive 2005/33/EC amends an earlier Directive, 1999/32/EC, relating to a reduction in the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels which itself amended Directive 93/12/EEC.

One aspect of the 2005/33/EC amendments is Article 4b which requires that, from 1 January 2010, the fuel oil used by ships while ‘at berth’ in EU ports is to be limited to 0.1% m/m maximum sulphur content.

Article 4b requires:

The change-over to this sulphur limited fuel oil is to be undertaken as soon as possible after arrival and from it as late as possible prior to departure.

The times of these change-overs are to be recorded in the ship's logbook.

These ‘at berth’ requirements to not apply to:

- (a) ships which are, according to published timetables, due to be at berth for less than 2 hours;*
- (b) certain named vessels as given in the Directive; and*
- (c) ships which switch off all engines and use shore-side electricity while at berth in ports.*

Since 2005 the FOBAS service has been advising of this upcoming requirement and in the course of this we received many questions. In order to assist shipowners and others we have collated these questions and our responses into a separate Frequently Asked Questions document as attached and also available on the FOBAS website.

We hope that this FAQ will be of assistance however any questions please contact us on fobas@lr.org

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