



Risk Assessment Solutions

“Prevent, Don’t Cure”

Circular 04/11/2014

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Subject: DUBAI - Control of Air Pollution during Port stay - Important Port State Control Issue!

In connection to our **“Don’t Cure, Prevent”** policy, we would like to remind our clients that the ships calling *Dubai Ports* and the *Ports Customs and Free Zone* of Dubai (PCFC) are required to be in compliance with the PCFC – EHS Ports requirements, Maritime Regulations and IMO MARPOL Annex VI Regulations for the prevention of air pollution from ships.

The aim of the “air control” is to ensure that ships during their stay at Dubai Ports are not proceeding in any unsafe action with immediate result of air pollution, such as one of the practices listed below:

1. Emissions of black / grey exhaust smoke
2. Incineration during port stay and
3. Use of fuel oil not in line with MARPOL Annex VI requirements etc.

According to **MARPOL Annex VI Reg. 14 §1**, (the following figures refer to the global sulphur limits):

“1. The sulphur content of any fuel oil used on board ships shall not exceed the following limits:

- i. 4.50 % m/m prior to 1 January 2012*
- ii. 3.50 % m/m on and after 1 January 2012 and*
- iii. 0.50 % m/m on and after 1 January 2020.”*

During PSC inspections the above mentioned items but not limited to, will be inspected in more detail for compliance with air control requirements and any differential may result in sanctions and imposition of relevant fines.

Finally, it is recommended all interested parties to ensure that the ship’s International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate (IAPP) (*MARPOL VI Reg.6*) is valid at all times.

We remain at your disposal for more details,

Prevention at Sea