

# ClassNK PSC Bulletin

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Title:

Fitting of small-diameter self-closing control cock on termination end of sounding pipe for fuel oil tanks in machinery spaces

Typical deficiency (outline of comment) by PSC:

Termination of sounding pipe for tanks containing fuel oil in engine room is not fitted with a small-diameter self-closing control cock.

Port State

Country: China

Port: All ports in China

Action taken by PSC:

Detention /  Rectify before Departure / Other

Description:

It has been frequently reported that Port State Control in China points out that a small-diameter self-closing cock is not fitted at the top end of sounding pipes for tanks containing fuel oil that terminate in the engine room.

According to the SOLAS convention, sounding pipes of fuel oil tanks that terminate in the machinery space are to have a small-diameter self-closing control cock fitted at the top of the sounding pipe. Although the definition of oil fuel tank is not clearly specified in the convention, there is a possibility that Port State Control in China could require that a small-diameter self-closing control cock be fitted at the termination (top end) of sounding pipes used for **oily bilge tanks containing fuel oil**.

Given the above situation, kindly please consider fitting a small-diameter self-closing control cock at the top end of sounding pipes used for the following types of tanks that terminate in the engine room of ships in your fleet trading at ports in China.

Types of tanks:

- Bilge tank containing fuel oil
- F.O. sludge tank
- Drain tank containing fuel oil
- F.O. drain tank
- F.O. overflow tank



Example of small-diameter self-closing control cock