

Subject

Replacement of IAPP Certificate due to change in procedure for completing Supplement

# **ClassNK**

## **Technical Information**

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To whom it may concern

As already advised in ClassNK Technical Information No. TEC-0771 dated 13 May 2009, in accordance with Reg. 14 of MARPOL Annex VI, the sulphur content limit value for a fuel oil used outside of an Emission Control Area will be changed from 4.50% m/m to 3.50% m/m on 1 January 2012 and will be effective thereafter.

Required sulphur content limit values are described in section 2.3 of the Supplement to the IAPP Certificate using a check box form. So far, only the check box for the sulphur content limit value which is applicable at the time of issuance of the Certificate has been ticked off. Therefore, whenever a new sulphur content limit values is enforced, the IAPP Certificate needs to be replaced each time. However, the IMO MEPC 61 agreed that section 2.3 of the Supplement should be completed on the basis of all available options, with a view to avoiding the need for repeated re-issuance of the Supplement, as the various given dates are passed. In accordance with this agreement, ClassNK will change the procedure for completion of section 2.3 of the Supplement and tick off all the check boxes which may be applicable during the effective period of the Certificate.

In this connection, existing IAPP Certificates will be replaced with a new certificate in order to reflect the revision made to section 2.3 of the Supplement at the periodical survey or occasional survey (MARPOL Annex VI) on or after the issued date of this ClassNK Technical Information.

Consequently, the IAPP Certificate is to be replaced at the time of periodical survey or occasional survey (MARPOL Annex VI). If the survey is not completed by 1 January 2012, there may be cases in which the check box for the sulphur content limit value 3.50% m/m, which is the limit value to be applied on and after 1 January 2012, will not yet have been ticked off during the time period from 1 January 2012 to the next survey date. However, since replacement of a certificate at the first survey after the effective date of the new requirements is allowed in accordance with MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.6, such cases should pose no problem in terms of statutory aspects.

When an application is submitted for a replacement certificate to be issued, ClassNK will issue a replacement IAPP Certificate rewritten as described above independent of the time of the survey. If you wish to receive a replacement IAPP Certificate, please contact the ClassNK service site nearest you.

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**GUIDANCE ON THE TIMING OF REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CERTIFICATES  
BY THE CERTIFICATES ISSUED AFTER THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF  
AMENDMENTS TO CERTIFICATES IN IMO INSTRUMENTS**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-sixth session (27 May to 5 June 2009) and the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-ninth session (13 to 17 July 2009) reviewed the matter of the replacement of existing certificates by the certificates issued after the entry into force of amendments to certificates in IMO instruments.

2 In conducting such a review, both Committees noted that a comparable case was already addressed by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its fifty-fourth session (20 to 24 March 2006). The MEPC then approved MEPC.1/Circ.513 on Validity of the IOPP Certificate and Supplements issued under the current MARPOL Annex I after 1 January 2007.

3 Both Committees agreed to approve the following guidance with regard to the replacement of existing certificates by the certificates issued after the entry into force of amendments to certificates in all IMO instruments (such as the Load Lines Convention, the SOLAS Convention and the MARPOL Conventions and codes made mandatory under these Conventions):

- .1 in cases where the ship has not to comply with new requirements, the certificate (and its supplement, if any) is not re-issued until its expiry;
- .2 in cases where the ship has to comply with new requirements, the certificate (and its supplement, if any) is re-issued at the opportunity of the survey specified with the new requirement occurring after the date of entry into force of the amendments; and
- .3 where a ship is subjected to a modification or conversion which involves an additional survey, the certificate (and its supplement, if any) is re-issued.

4 Member Governments and Parties to the IMO Conventions are invited to note the above and to bring this circular to the attention of all parties concerned, in particular port State control officers under their jurisdiction.