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Notice to all Local Suppliers of Fuel Oil

This Notice should be read with The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Regulations 2008 and MSN 1819 (M&F) and MSN 1819 (M&F) Amendment 1

Please note - That Virgin Islands Shipping and Maritime Authority provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances – for example, from ship to ship. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

Summary

- S.I. 2008 No. 2924 The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Regulations 2008 requires that a local supplier of fuel oil register with the Secretary of State
- Once registered, a local supplier of fuel oil is required to make an annual declaration to remain on the register.
- Contact details for registering and making an annual declaration are provided

1. Registration and Annual Declaration by a Local Supplier of Fuel Oil

- 1.1 The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Regulations 2008 require that a local supplier of fuel oil for combustion purposes delivered to and used on board a relevant ship must register with the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 7 to Merchant Shipping Notice 1819 (M+F).
- 1.2 A local supplier of fuel oil means a person who receives fuel oil with a view to its delivery to and use on board a relevant ship.
- 1.3 A relevant ship means (i) a platform; or (ii) a ship, other than a platform, of 400 GT or above.
- 1.4 All local suppliers of fuel oil must register with the Virgin Islands Shipping and Maritime Authority (**VISMA**) as per the initial declaration outlined in Appendix 2 of MSN 1819 (M+F).
- 1.5 All local suppliers of fuel oil must provide an annual declaration as detailed in Appendix 3 of MSN 1819 (M+F). If a local supplier of fuel oil does not provide the annual declaration as detailed in Appendix 3 it will be removed from the VISMA list of local fuel supplier and will no longer be able to supply fuel legally.
- 1.6 It should be noted that it is an offence if a local supplier of fuel oil:
 - fails to register with VISMA in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 1.1 of this notice.

2. Registration and Annual Declaration

A local supplier of fuel oil that is required to register or make an annual declaration should send their completed declaration to:

Virgin Islands Shipping and Maritime Authority

1 Floor, Ritter House
Wickhams Cay II
Road Town, Tortola VG1110
Virgin Islands (British)

3. Publication of Register

3.1 The register of local suppliers of fuel oil can be found at:

<https://bvimaritime.vg>; and

IMO Global Integrated Shipping Information System (**GISIS**)

3.2 Any errors in the list of suppliers should be notified to the VISMA.

For More Information

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