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FOBAS Bulletin: Bunker Supplier Inter-Pacific Petroleum Licence Revoked

Applicability: Ship Owners and Operators

Following the suspension of Inter-Pacific Petroleum's Licence in July of this year pending investigation, The MPA of Singapore have now confirmed they have revoked and removed the company's Bunker Craft Licence with immediate effect.

The MPA's investigation "revealed magnetic interferences affecting the measurements of bunkers supplied in numerous Mass Flow Meter readings across Inter-Pacific's fleet of Bunker Tankers." The Authority has reiterated its intention to take "firm action" against any company found to be in contravention of the bunker craft operator licence conditions.

The loss of Inter-Pacific follows Southernpec (S) Pte Ltd losing its bunker craft operator licence under similar circumstances in May this year along with Pegasus Maritime in July 2018, Transocean Oil, Panoil Petroleum and Universal Energy PTE in 2017 for other Mass Flow Meter operational malpractices.



Some industry sources have already started to quote that such malpractices could be avoided by the increased use of bunker surveyors. This announcement highlights and reinforce the importance of appointing an independent Bunker Quantity Surveyor during bunker operations on your vessel. The Surveyors are trained to not only obtain and verify delivered quantities but also are skilled in identifying unusual events and activities that could jeopardize a full and fair delivery of your bunkers.

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