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Service update:           Bunker supplier Transocean Oil's licenses revoked

Applicability:            Ship owners and operators

Further to bulletins issued earlier this year regarding bunker suppliers Panoil Petroleum and Universal Energy Pte Ltd not having their bunker supplier and craft operator licenses renewed, Singapore MPA has now revoked the license of Transocean Oil as of 6 November 2017 as detailed in a statement from MPA. This is due to "falsification of records" on board marine fuel tankers operated by the company.

Transocean was the sixth largest bunker supplier in Singapore by volume in 2016.

With MPA's ongoing regulatory efforts to ensure the integrity of bunkering in Singapore, they conducted checks on Transocean in March and April this year. Investigations revealed that there were several falsifications of records and discrepancies in the stock movement logbooks on board the bunker tankers operated by Transocean which breached the terms and conditions of their bunker supplier and craft operator licenses.

MPA has already issued a reminder in a statement to all licensed bunker suppliers and bunker craft operators in Singapore to adhere strictly to the terms and conditions of their bunker license and commented "MPA will take firm action against any licensee who has acted in contravention of their licenses."

Without a bunker supplier license, suppliers will no longer be allowed to operate as a bunker supplier and bunker craft operator in the Port of Singapore.

This announcement underlines the importance of appointing a reputable bunker surveyor during bunker operations so that an independent report can be provided detailing the volumes of bunkers delivered and received as well as reporting of any unusual events that might occur during the bunkering process. This is a service that FOBAS can provide both in Singapore and on a worldwide basis through a network of experienced bunker surveyors.

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