

FOBAS Bulletin



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MARPOL Annex VI – Fuel Oil Sampling Points

Please note that LR has issued a class news update sharing information regarding amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, given in Resolution MEPC.324(75). These amendments introduce new requirements for the sampling and verification of the sulphur content of fuel oil, including fuel oil sampling points, entering into force on 1 April 2022. A summary of this can be found below:

Fuel oil samples

The new amendments define three types of fuel oil samples:

- **In-use sample:** a sample of fuel oil in use on a ship (i.e., typically taken downstream of the in-use fuel oil service tank and close to the fuel oil combustion machinery).
- **Onboard sample:** a sample of fuel oil intended to be used or carried for use onboard that ship (i.e. a sample of the fuel oil in the fuel oil tank).
- **MARPOL delivered sample:** the sample of fuel oil delivered during the bunker operation (this is the existing bunker sample requirement) (in accordance with regulation 18.8.1 and Appendix VI, Part 1).

In-Use Fuel Oil Sampling Points

In order to take in-use samples, sampling points are required to be fitted, or designated, to ships of 400gt and above (and fixed and floating drilling rigs or other platforms), as follows:

- **New ships** (keel laid on or after 1 April 2022): on delivery.
- **Existing ships** (keel laid before 1 April 2022): no later than at the first IAPP renewal survey undertaken on or after 1 April 2023.

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