

FOBAS Bulletin



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Update: Organic Chlorides detected in HSFO from Singapore.

Following our bulletin of 29th March regarding the Singapore fuels (HSFO) contaminated with organic chlorides, we are keen to keep you updated on the latest situation.

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) have released preliminary findings on these recently reported cases.

In summary, the findings indicate that one of the overseas cargoes which was used as high sulphur fuel blend component sourced by Glencore had contained about 15000 ppm of Chlorinated Organic Compounds (COC). Glencore Singapore Pte Ltd (Glencore) informed MPA that on receiving reports of its fuel being contaminated, Glencore proceeded to test the fuels supplied by its sources used in its blended product. However, by the time of testing, Glencore sold part of the affected fuel to another bunker supplier, PetroChina, which in turn had supplied to ships in the port of Singapore.

To date, Glencore and PetroChina had supplied the affected fuel to about 200 ships in the Port of Singapore. Of these, about 80 ships have reported various issues with their fuel pumps and engines.

For more details, please check this [link](#).

Please note that FOBAS lab can perform specialised tests to determine COC levels in marine fuels.

Immediate Action:

We would strongly recommend that if your ships have bunkered high sulphur fuel in the region recently, or any other regions of concern, then additional tests should be performed to eliminate any possibility of COC presence in the fuel.

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