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**FOBAS Alert:** High pour point distillate fuels from Singapore  
**Applicability:** Ship owners and operators

In recent weeks, FOBAS has tested a number of distillate samples lifted from Singapore with pour points exceeding the ISO 8217 limit of 0 °C. Some of these samples have been considerably above the limit with pour points testing as high as 18 °C. Pour point aside, the majority of these samples exhibited satisfactory results for all other parameters.

When dealing with such fuels, we would not expect operational issues providing the storage and handling temperatures are maintained at, at least 10 °C above the pour point of the fuel.

The main point to consider with such fuels is the ships operating environment. If a ship moves from tropical to colder winter climates, an assessment should be made and appropriate mitigating actions should be taken to avoid potential problems with the storage and handling.

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