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**Service update:** Restrictions on exporting bunker fuel samples from Saudi Arabia

**Applicability:** Ship owners and operators

Local contacts in the region have made us aware of new procedures that have been enforced in Saudi Arabia which place extra restrictions on the export of bunker fuel samples from this country. Local authorities now classify the bunker fuel samples as a security risk and hence courier companies do not accept them for any destination outside of Saudi Arabia.

We have up until now been using our local contacts to assist with shipments, however it can be a lengthy process as they too are subject to the same restrictions.

Given these new regulations, to avoid lengthy delays with dispatch, we recommend that samples should not be landed with agents in Saudi Arabia. Instead, they should be retained on board for landing at the next convenient port.

*If you need further clarification or have any comments or questions, please contact us at [fobas@lr.org](mailto:fobas@lr.org).*