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FOBAS Bulletin: IBIA issues an SOP to be followed by surveyors during MFM Deliveries

Applicability: All ship owners, operators and fuel purchasers

As Singapore moves closer toward the mandatory use of Mass Flow Meters (MFMs) for supply of MFO by barges on 1st January 2017, International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) has taken the initiative and finalised a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to help bunker surveyors identify their responsibilities and importance when overseeing bunker deliveries involving MFM. Lloyd's Register have strong connections with IBIA and were heavily involved with the development of this SOP. With certified MFMs used during bunker deliveries, there is a comprehensive list of checks required where surveyors will be able to offer valuable support to the ship's chief engineer. MFMs are not "plug & play" devices and there are complexities that need to be recognised.

Please click [here](#) to view the IBIA SOP

The SOP has been designed to work within Singapore's TR 48 technical standard for MFMs, which became mandatory for deliveries involving MFMs on 1 June, 2016, ahead of the mandated use of MFMs for all MFO deliveries on 1 January, 2017 and has been developed to address industry concerns and benefit all parties in the bunkering supply chain, and build trust in this new operating paradigm. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has been consulted and kept informed throughout the process.

The SOP demonstrates the continued relevance of surveyors who will be specifically trained and qualified to perform all the relevant checks compromising the integrity of the MFM system and with the presence of a surveyor, can help document this in Statement of Fact (SOF) and assist the buyer in the event of any disputes.

To view the press release made by IBIA on 7th Sept 2016 please click the following link: <http://ibia.net/ibia-finalises-sop-for-surveyors-in-singapore-to-harmonise-approach-to-mfms/>

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