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**FOBAS Alert:** Elevated Sediment from ports in Greece**Applicability:** All ship owners and operators

Last month FOBAS issued a bulletin alerting to a number of fuels bunkered in Piraeus and Ikonio with high and off-spec TSP (Total Sediment Potential). Following this trend over the last month, we have observed that these incidents have continued and become more widespread with multiple fuels bunkered in a range of Greek ports and Istanbul found to have high levels of TSP. In a number of instances, attempted use of these bunkers has reportedly led to operational issues such as filter and purifier clogging.

As mentioned previously, if your ships are planning to bunker at these ports, we recommend that suppliers are advised of your concerns regarding the stability of the fuel and that they provide you with additional reassurance that they will meet the ISO 8217 requirements for the grade ordered.

Additional attention should be given to the collection of the bunker samples. It should be ensured that all parties have witnessed the sampling process and that the supporting documentation includes records of all the samples considered representative of the fuel as loaded.

It is recommended that until test results of the fuel sample are available, the fuel should be kept separate from any other where possible and not put into use until its quality is confirmed. If the fuel must be used before confirming its quality, particular attention should be given to possible excessive build-up of deposits in purifiers and filters.

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