



## MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

### PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 16 of 2008

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Shipping Community  
Harbour Craft Community

### **PROCEDURES TO CONTROL TANK CLEANING AND DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE AND SLOP**

1 Former Port Marine Circular No. 60 of 1998 is cancelled. This is a reproduction of the circular with amendments.

2 The following procedures shall apply to tanker cleaning activities and the disposal of sludge and slop oil from vessels in Singapore waters:

- (a) Tanker cleaning and disposal contractors must be registered with the National Environment Agency (NEA). To qualify for registration, they must undertake to dispose of all tanker sludge and slop oil at approved facilities.
- (b) Only NEA registered tanker cleaning contractors are allowed to carry out tanker cleaning in designated areas within Singapore, except for licensed harbour tankers stated in para 5.
- (c) The NEA registered tanker cleaning contractors require permits to carry out the works, which will be issued by Port Master, MPA. Permit for tanker cleaning will be issued by Port Master, MPA only if the tanker cleaning and disposal contractor can show satisfactory proof that sludge and slop oil will be disposed of at approved reception facilities.

Port Master, MPA will issue permits only to registered Singapore tanker cleaning and disposal contractors, a list of which can be obtained from the Pollution Control Department, NEA (Telephone No: 6731 9677, Fax No: 6731 9666). The list can also be from the Pollution Control Department, NEA at 40 Scotts Road #13-00, Singapore 228231.

- (d) A ship entering Singapore in clean condition must furnish details to Port Master, MPA in the Notification of Arrival of the cleaning and disposal contractor who had completed the job. It must also show proof to Port Master, MPA that all of the tanker sludge and slop oil are disposed of at approved facilities.

- (e) If a ship fails to satisfy (d), the ship will be refused entry for repair at any Singapore yard.

3 Tankers proceeding to a shipyard must be certified gas-free by Port Chemist prior to their entry to the shipyard.

4 Tankers will be permitted to desludge at a shipyard provided the application is supported by a letter of concurrence from the shipyard for the desludging works at the shipyard.

5 For licensed harbour tankers, besides contractors approved by the National Environment Agency, tank cleaning could also be conducted by the tanker's crew subject to compliance with all the requirements under the Workplace Health and Safety Act of the Ministry of Manpower and the International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers & Terminals (ISGOTT), and to obtain permission on the proper disposal of the sludge/slop.

6 On the works to be carried out on board a ship in Singapore we wish to draw your attention to the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2006 which came into effect on 01 March 2006. You are hereby advised to acquaint yourselves fully with the provisions of the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2006.

7 For any enquiries, please contact Marine Environment Safety Marine Officers at (65) 6325-2488/ 2489.

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