



Questions

Responses

(As of February 2020)

Will compliant bunkers be available in your jurisdiction?

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Yes. The compliant bunkers available with sole bunker supplier "Bahrain Petroleum Company"

Which government body or organization issues fines for sulphur violations?

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Ports and Maritime Affairs (PMA / Ministry of Transportation)

What is the estimated potential value of fines?

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This is subject to severity of the violation.

Is there a possibility of criminal action for sulphur violations?

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Yes. It would be subject to the severity of the violation. The case would be dealt under criminal law of the country on such cases.

Can a ship be detained for violations?
If so, will a club LOU be accepted to secure its release?

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Yes. Possible but subject to severity of the violation. LOU acceptance by PMA also cannot be predicted now, as the it would be dealt on case to case basis.

Is it possible to appeal fines?

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The decision by PMA would be final, but the appeal should be at the Royal Courts of Bahrain.

What contingency measures are available for ships carrying non-compliant fuel.

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PMA would be following the IMO regulations in such cases. As per IMO regulations the fines are at the discretion of the governing body hence decision by PMA /Maritime Safety & Environment Protection department would matter on such cases.

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