

Dear Members,

The purpose of this email is to collect evidence on delivered contaminated fuel that can be used by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

During the first half of 2018, Trade Winds reported that more than 100 ships were supplied with fuel that was contaminated. In these cases, samples could pass the standard analysis when compared against the ISO standard 8217. The fuels were contaminated with products, which normally should not be in the fuel supply chain:

- phenolic compounds
- long chain fatty acids.

Several BIMCO members have contacted BIMCO on such contaminated fuel asking what we could do.

BIMCO therefore contacted authorities in the US, Panama and Singapore asking for evidence that the bunker states are exercising their obligations stipulated in MARPOL Annex VI, Regulation 18.9, to take appropriate actions when fuel oil suppliers supply fuel oil where the BDN does not reflect the requirements of Regulation 18.3 (i.e. in this case no added substances jeopardising the safety of the ship).

EPA has now approached us asking for assistance in investigation of cases arising from Houston or other US ports.

Therefore, we are contacting our members to email us information and evidence, which we will then forward to the EPA.

We kindly ask you to provide the following information:

1. Have you bunkered contaminated fuel in the US?
2. Name of the ship?
3. Date of bunkering?
4. Name and address of the bunker supplier
5. Purchase order of the bunker which includes the bunker specification
6. BDN number of the supplied bunker
7. Test analysis report of the particular bunker (please add)
8. Contact details of person in your company
9. If there was a damage, what was the extent of damage?
10. Was a claim forwarded to the bunker supplier?
11. What was the result of such a claim?
12. Any other information that you think will assist in helping to tackle the issue. For e.g. other parties involved in the operation such as the local agent, any other bunker supplier's involvement etc.

Please forward us an email for each incident of bad bunker, so we can treat them separately.

Please be aware that the data you provide to the EPA cannot be confidential as it may have to be used as evidence. BIMCO will not forward results of question 9 – 12 and will use the received information in accordance with the confidentiality and data protection management statement below:

Confidentiality and data protection management of information:

- Your contact information will be added to the BIMCO membership database, if not already there.
- BIMCO will not pass on your personal information to third parties except US-EPA

By submitting and forwarding information, you have given us your consent to keep and use personal information in accordance with this notice.

Please send your information to [lg@bimco.org](mailto:lg@bimco.org). Thank

you for your assistance.

Kind regards

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