



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

PORT MARINE CIRCULAR
NO. 24 OF 2005

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To: Shipping Community
Harbour Craft Community

SHIP-TO-SHIP TRANSFER OF BUNKERS BETWEEN LICENSED PORT LIMIT TANKERS

- 1 The former Port Marine Circular No 53 of 1997 is hereby cancelled.
- 2 MPA strives to maintain and keep its port waters pollution-free. The Shipping and Harbour Craft communities are aware and have been supportive of the need for a pollution-free marine environment.
- 3 Ship-to-Ship (STS) transfers by Port Limit Tankers are only permitted at Tuas Petroleum Holding Anchorage and Eastern Petroleum "B" Anchorage. At any time not more than two Port Limit Tankers are permitted to tie alongside each other. All STS transfers must be approved by the Port Master, MPA.
- 4 Currently, applications for STS transfers are submitted through MARINET and facsimile to Port Marine Safety Dept for approval. To further expedite approvals, MPA has introduced another value-added service. With immediate effect, STS applications can also be made via handphone Short Message Service (SMS) to 9635 5813. Please register for this m-Service on MARINET. A SMS charge of \$0.20 per message will only be applicable with effect from 1 Jan 2006.
- 5 With the MARINET and SMS services for applications of STS transfers, the facsimile applications will be discontinued with effect from 1 Apr 2006.
- 6 To help us to keep the port waters clean, please advise your masters to be extremely careful during the transfer operations. Masters, owners or agents are reminded of the requirement under Section 15 of the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Act to report any oil spill to the Port Master by VHF channel 7 or telephone 6220 3803 or 6325 2488.
- 7 Please contact Capt Foong Yee Kuan, if you need any further clarification on this Port Marine Circular.

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