



## Singapore Shipping Association

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To: All SSA Members

### **MPA PORT MARINE CIRCULAR 6 OF 2010 – INITIATIVES TO ENHANCE THE BUNKER LICENSING REGIME**

At the 8<sup>th</sup> MPA Bunkering Forum held on 3 May 2010, MPA announced that it would be introducing two initiatives to enhance Singapore's bunker licensing regiment. MPA has since issued a circular (**Shipping Circular No. 06 of 2010** dated **4 May 2010**) providing more details of the two initiatives as follows:

#### **Single Renewal Process for Bunker Supplier and Bunker Craft Operator**

MPA will allow eligible companies to submit their renewal requests for both Bunker Supplier and Bunker Craft Operator licenses through a single process if they so choose – the licensing fee amount will be reduced from S\$300 to S\$200 for both Bunkering Licenses.

#### **Introduction of Longer Licensing Period**

MPA will institute a longer licensing period of not more than 3 years for eligible Bunker Suppliers – in order to qualify, companies must operate a fully double-hulled bunker tanker fleet, have a minimum paid-up capital of S\$1 million and achieve bunker sales of at least 600,000 tonnes per annum.

A copy of the circular is attached for your information and convenience. Alternatively, an electronic copy can be found at:

[http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars\\_and\\_notices/pdfs/port\\_marine\\_circulars/pc10-06.pdf](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/port_marine_circulars/pc10-06.pdf)

**Any comments and queries relating to this circular should be addressed directly to MPA at 6325 2470.**

Best regards,

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MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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Bunker Suppliers / Bunker Craft Owners & Operators

### **INITIATIVES TO ENHANCE THE BUNKER LICENSING REGIME**

1 The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) issues 2 types of Bunkering Licenses, namely the Bunker Supplier and the Bunker Craft Operator. All Bunkering Licenses are subjected to annual renewals, costing S\$150 per licence per year.

2 MPA, through its continual efforts in reviewing the bunker licensing regime to stay competitive in today's business environment, will be implementing two initiatives from **1 Oct 2010** onwards.

#### **Single Renewal Process for Bunker Supplier and Bunker Craft Operator**

3 MPA will realign the renewal dates for both types of the Bunkering Licences to facilitate the Licensee's renewal efforts. Eligible companies may submit their renewal request for both licences through a single process via the MPA Marinet and the licensing fee amount will be reduced from S\$300 to S\$200 for both Bunkering Licences.

4 During the transition period, MPA will allow an extension of the licensing period and a waiver of such licensing fee, for either one of the bunkering licences to align to a common renewal date.

## **Introduction of Longer Licensing Period**

5 MPA will institute a longer licensing period of not more than 3 years to eligible companies of Bunker Suppliers which have a minimum paid up capital of \$1million and achieve bunker sales of at least 600,000 tonnes per annum. The licensing period for Bunker Suppliers will be aligned to the validity of the Quality Management for Bunker Supply Chain (QMBS) certification.

6 For Bunker Craft Operators, they will need to operate a fully double hulled bunker tanker fleet to qualify for the longer licensing period of not more than 3 years.

7 Please contact our officer at 6325 2470, if you require any clarifications.

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