

TipTop Bunker A/S

Praxis to safe and simple bunkering

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To secure the best possible bunkering it is of the utmost importance that all involved with the bunkering communicate fast and efficient why the below praxis is highly recommended in order to minimize problems which may occur in connection with the vessel taking bunker.

To vessels operators and agents:

1. Immediately after the purchase of the bunkers it is important that the vessels operators inform the bunkering details to the Master of the vessel as well as to the vessels agents at the location where the vessel will take the bunkers.
2. It is important that vessels representative and vessels agents keep the Suppliers updated with the vessels position and give regular and proper notice to the Suppliers in order to arrange a safe and on-time supply.

The person whom represent the vessel to be aware of standard procedures to follow when taking bunkers. These procedures are very basic and similar for most Suppliers worldwide. Most important is it to understand that quantity delivered is at any time to be determined from the measurement on the Suppliers delivery method (barge/truck/tank installation etc..). Secondly that the taking of samples from the bunkering is in the hand of the Suppliers, and that any discrepancy on quality will be determined from the samples arranged by the Suppliers, why focus should be on these samples.

To vessels representative onboard:

1. Special attention should be taken especially before the start of the bunkering with the vessels representative to measure ALL tanks in the Suppliers delivery method to control quantity in Suppliers tanks. The special attention here should be obvious as this measurement will be the basis for discrepancies (if any) between the receiving vessels figures and Suppliers figures, and also the basis for any eventual later survey to control delivered quantity.
2. Vessels representative to control Suppliers sampling procedure during the whole bunkering, and should be aware that it is the responsibility of the same representative to follow the sampling procedure, until the samples have been properly sealed and signed for and copies of the samples has been handed over to vessels representative.
3. Finally the vessels representative should confirm delivered figures by measuring ALL Suppliers tanks. A measurement in vessels own tanks to compare delivered quantity is recommended, but can be only be used for reference, as it should be clear that final and binding figures for delivery is to be found from Suppliers tanks.