



## Singapore (MPA) introduces new standard for bunker suppliers and surveyors

As announced at the Singapore International Bunkering Conference in October 2008 (SIBCON 2008), in order to further enhance consistent practices in the delivery of bunkers for ships calling at Singapore's port, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has launched a new standard for bunker suppliers and surveyors, the Singapore Standard SS 600: 2008 - Code of Practice for Bunkering.

This standard, which will replace the two current standards: SS CP 60: 2004 ('Bunkering by Bunker Tankers') and SS CP 77: 1999 ('Bunker Surveying') will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009

The new standard sets out guidelines and procedures to ensure that the correct quality and quantity of bunkers are being delivered safely and efficiently, and will be enforced by MPA for all bunkering operations and bunker surveying works in Singapore.

In addition to obtaining a licence from MPA to conduct bunkering business in Singapore's port, bunker suppliers, craft operators and surveyors will have to comply with SS 600 when carrying out their operations. The standard will also serve as the technical basis for resolution, should there be any disputes.

In essence, SS 600 combines the requirements of SS CP 60 and SS CP 77 to form a single document for the bunkering industry. Significant changes in the new standard include:-

- (i) The requirement to make declaration on the Bunker Delivery Note that the bunker fuel supplied meets the regulations of Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78.
- (ii) In order to further promote sample bottle security there will be a process continuous enhancement to the technical requirements on the quality of sample bottles and security seals.
- (iii) In an effort to reduce disputes there will be a standardisation of all bunkering documents such as Bunker Delivery Notes and Stock Movement Log Books etc.

An original copy of SS 600 shall be made available on board every bunker tanker for reference by the parties concerned.

Copies of SS 600 can be purchased from the following address:-

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Lintec undertakes both Bunker Quantity Surveys (BQS) and the pre-testing of bunker stems in Singapore and in anticipation of the introduction of the new standard, our staff have undergone extensive training in order to ensure a seamless transition to the new standard.

Lintec will, of course, keep our clients up to date on any issues concerning the new standard as it implemented. For further advice on the new standard please E-Mail us on [testing@lintec-group.com](mailto:testing@lintec-group.com)

