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## MARINE FUEL WATCH

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### Don't Wait - Ensure Compliance Now.

**With IMO 2020 already in effect**, the regulations on marine fuels are now mandatory, requiring a maximum sulfur content of 0.5%. Ship owners and operators who haven't yet made the switch to compliant fuel risk hefty fines. If you haven't prepared your storage tanks and fuel handling systems, now is the time to act. Don't get caught unprepared—take the necessary steps today to maintain operational readiness and avoid costly penalties.

### Think Twice before Adding Compliant Fuel to Uncleaned Tanks.

Simply filling tanks with Very Low Sulfur Fuel Oil (**VLSFO**) after using High Sulfur Heavy Fuel Oil (**HSHF**) can cause serious issues. Residual contaminants, like sediments and sludge, will mix with the new fuel, increasing sulfur content and leading to compliance failures. This can also result in purifier sludging, filter blockages, or even fuel starvation, which may cause Loss of Propulsion (**LOP**). The clear message: tanks must be cleaned thoroughly before using compliant fuel to avoid costly errors.



### What is the Best Solution?

The best and most efficient solution is Octamar™ tank cleaning additive, which cleans storage tanks before switching to VLSFO or MGO. Its asphaltene dispersant stabilizer improves tank cleanliness, reducing planning time and effort. This makes transitioning to low-sulfur fuels smoother for refiners, bunker suppliers, and shipping companies. It's cost-effective, saving time and money while ensuring crew safety, compared to manual cleaning.

ULSFO – Ultra Low Sulphur Fuel Oil – 0.1%S Products containing residual / VLSFO – Very Low Sulphur Fuel Oil – 0.5%S / LSHFO – Low Sulphur Heavy Fuel Oil – 1.0%S – from 2010-15



  
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