

BUNKER FLASH

Low Flash point VLSFO in United Arab Emirates

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Maritec Pte Ltd has tested several samples representing VLSFO deliveries.

In United Arab Emirates with flashpoint as low as 54°C for the period of 13th to 22nd November 2020

The VLSFO was emanating from a single supplier and we have had single instances from the past where the flashpoint was low from the same source.

Chapter II-2, Part B, Reg. 4. Clause 2.1.1 states

“The following limitations shall apply to the use of oil as fuel, except as otherwise permitted by this paragraph, no oil fuel with a flashpoint of less than 60 deg C shall be used.”

If your vessel has bunkered a low flashpoint fuel it is prudent to observe the below precautions.

- Vent all the fuel tanks.
- No Smoking, No naked flame and No hot work must be allowed at any areas near to tank air vents.
- Send additional tank(s) samples upon arrival in port to check the fuel properties and flash point results especially if there has been co-mingling of fuels in bunker tanks
- If the vessel is out at sea it may be possible to obtain dispensation from your Flag State Administration up to next arrival port
- Put the supplier on notice promptly and notify your P&I club

This flash however does not reflect on the overall quality of fuel being supplied at United Arab Emirates, if you intend to bunker at this region please request for a Certificate of Quality prior to loading.

Maritec Pte Ltd can assist you in with further information on quality of bunkers tested in different regions.

If you require any other information or assistance do not hesitate to contact us.

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About Maritec

Maritec Pte Ltd, a member of CTI Group, is a leading marine fuel and lubricant testing, bunker quantity surveying and consultancy service provider, headquartered in Singapore.

Maritec has been integrated into the CTI Group's Marine Division. We will be able to provide existing (and new) clients with an augmented and wide-ranging set of inspection, testing, certification and consultancy services in the maritime industry.



Our Range of Services



Marine Fuel Testing & Solutions

- Marine Fuel Testing Programme (MFTP)
- Maritec BQS service ports
- Fuel System Check (FSC)
- Forensic Analysis
- Lubecheck Programme

Marine Environmental Services

- Potable Water
- Ballast Water Testing
- Sewage Water Testing
- Oily Water Testing
- Scrubber Water Testing



Hong Kong Convention & EU Ship Recycling Regulation Compliance

- Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM)
- IHM Maintenance
- Responsible Recycling Supervision

Asbestos Solutions

- Asbestos Surveys
- Asbestos Removal / Abatement
- Asbestos-free Certification

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