



# **Agents Notification**

**No. 04 of 2021 – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Subject: Compliance with ‘Bunkering Guidelines & Regulations’**

**To: RAK Ports Marine Agents  
RAK Ports Tenants / Berth Operators  
Bunker Suppliers / Bunker Barge Owners and Operators**

**Cc: RAK Ports Management**

This notice serves as a reminder of the need to ensure that reporting of bunkering operations by vessels engaged in bunkering operations is given in strict compliance in accordance with RAK Ports “Bunkering Guidelines & Regulations”. These guidelines and regulations are to regulate bunkering operations and transfer of slops between vessels or road tankers, across RAK Ports.

In accordance with the above guidelines and regulations, all vessels receiving or supplying bunkers, whether alongside at a port berth or lying at anchor, must report to Port Control, before and on completion of bunkering operation. If a spillage occurs, the Master of the vessel involved in bunkering operations must inform relevant Port Control immediately. In addition, a report shall be made using the form “POLREP”.

Ship Bunkering is a vital and critical operation. Due care must be taken by all vessels engaged in bunkering operation in the port area to ensure safety and to mitigate the risks of oil pollution for the protection of the environment.

We have observed a few non-reporting cases of bunkering operations. Any such non-compliance shall not be treated as a trivial matter as it may result in potential risks to safety of navigation.

Therefore, you are advised to bringing the following documents to the attention of ship-owners, shipmasters and operators to act in compliance with port regulations in addition to adhering to MARPOL regulations along with industry best practices to promote safe and efficient bunkering operations:

1. Bunkering Guidelines & Regulations <https://rakports.ae/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/bunkering-guidelines.pdf>
2. STS Bunkering Procedure <https://rakports.ae/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/sts-bunkering-procedure.pdf>

The above documents are available on RAK Ports website for download.

You are also advised to make sure that every person dealing with or managing bunkering operations in your respective organisation understands all applicable regulations.

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