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Dear Captain

Good Day,

To ensure that any fuel received meets the contractual specification and does not contain contaminants and is in all respects suitable for the vessel's machinery, it is recommended that samples are drawn to protect the vessel's interests which should then be subjected to independent analysis by a reputable third party laboratory prior to the fuel being used.

MARPOL Annex VI requires representative bunker samples to be taken and retained on board, which can be used, if necessary, to demonstrate compliance with Annex VI bunker sulphur limits. Although the MARPOL sample cannot be used for any other purpose, the sampling, storage and documentation requirements detailed in [Resolution MEPC.182\(59\)](#) "2009 Guidelines for the sampling of fuel oil for determination of compliance with the revised MARPOL Annex VI" can be used as a sound basis for developing sampling procedures, taking the following factors into account:

- The MARPOL sample is to be drawn continuously throughout the bunker delivery period at the RECEIVING VESSEL'S INLET BUNKER MANIFOLD.
- Sampling equipment and containers should be clean – ideally sample containers should be new.
- Sampling equipment and containers should be sealed for the duration of the supply, with sealing witnessed by supplier and receiver.
- The integrity of the sampling equipment and containers should be checked periodically during bunkering.
- Seals on the sampling arrangement should be checked for integrity by all parties on completion of bunkering prior to being broken.

Attached please find [Resolution MEPC.182\(59\)](#).

You are requested to confirm receipt, discuss the contents in the next consolidated meeting on board & keep a copy in the file DA-11.

Best Regards,

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