

Circular From NORTH**Date: 20 November 2017****STS Safety Inspections Required at Fujairah**

The port of Fujairah has issued notices detailing the requirements for safety inspections prior to STS operations.

Notice to mariners number NTM 231 and notice to agents NTA 33/2017 clarify the requirement for certain vessels to pass a safety inspection by the Port Authority prior to the operation commencing.

Tankers that have undergone a safety inspection within the last 6 months by an oil major, or a SIRE inspection with satisfactory results could be exempt from such inspections. However it should be noted that the Harbour Master has full authority to appoint an independent surveyor to conduct these safety inspections on any vessel.

NTA 33/2017 further advises that the cost of such inspection, if required, will be in the region of USD 3,500. It is believed that the inspection will be approximately 4 to 5 hours in duration, and will focus on the vessel's condition to safely conduct the intended STS operation.

The notices can be read below:

[Notice 231 - STS Operation - Safety Inspection](#)

[Notice 33 - STS Safety Operation - Safety Inspection](#)

Source of Information: North of England P&I Club