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Taiwan - Sulphur Cap from 2019 - Kaohsiung

All vessels calling at Kaohsiung must use 0.5 % m/m sulphur fuel or other compliant fuel from 1 January 2019 in accordance with a statement issued by the Ministry of transportation and communications (MOTC).

To encourage the switch to lower sulphur fuel earlier than 2019 Taiwan's Ministry of Transportation and Communications will subsidise vessels with compliant fuel. The subsidy equivalent to approximately US \$ 172 will apply to vessels entering Kaohsiung ports between 1st February 2018 and 31st December 2018 unless the available funding runs out before then.

Some articles on the internet suggest that the above applies to all ports in Taiwan, however according to our correspondents Taiwan Maritime Services Ltd and Comos Marine Surveyors and Consultants this only applies to Kaohsiung port. Due to apparent confusion we would suggest that Members check with their local Agents prior to arrival at the Taiwanese port.

Source of Information: North of England P&I Club