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New Detailed Rules of Regulations for Sludge Disposal in Tianjin Port Became Effect from March 1, 2013 & Developments on SPRO Issue in Tianjin

Outline

- ★ New detailed rules of regulations for sludge disposal in Tianjin port was released by Tianjin MSA on January 15, 2013, and the Tianjin local rules came into effect from March 1, 2013.
- ★ Updated requirements on the SPRO issue at Tianjin port.

Dear Sir,

Regarding to the new Tianjin local details, our comments are as follows:

New local details of regulations for sludge disposal in Tianjin port come into effect from Mar. 1, 2013 (published by Tianjin MSA on Jan.15, 2013)

By studying the new detailed rules carefully, it is understood that there are some points related with ship owners or management company. We hereby summarize the relative articles as follows:

Article 2.1

1. If the next port of an overseas ship is also a PRC port, before departing from Tianjin port, the sludge and the oily water on board should be less than 10m³ and 20m³ respectively.
2. If the next port of an overseas ship is a foreign port, before departing from Tianjin port, the sludge and the oily water on board should be discharged cleanly.
3. The garbage on board should be discharged before departure no matter where the next port is.



Article 2.2.3

(1) Tianjin port is now divided into four separate areas. These four areas are managed by four teams of different sludge disposal companies some of whom are meanwhile the SPRO companies. The management areas will be rotated quarterly.

(2) For the vessel without the annual sludge disposal agreement, Tianjin MSA will use their own lottery software to decide which local Sludge Company will be chosen to serve the vessel.

CMS's analysis for ship owner's & management company's reference

We are of the view that the new regulation on the sludge disposal issue does not affect the SPRO agreement's operation in fact.

However, if ship owner / management company had no the annual sludge disposal agreement in Tianjin port, they would lose the right of choosing the specific sludge service provider literally.

So far as we know, usually the SPRO provider at port is also the first choice to be appointed as the sludge disposal service provider by ship owner & management company. Now, due to the requests of the new details mentioned above, in order to avoiding missing sludge disposal business, local SPRO is keen to obtain an annual sludge agreement with the owners they serve for SPRO business. So far as we know, if the annual sludge agreement is agreed to sign with SPRO company, the SPRO would like to offer a favorite price for SPRO retainer fee.

CMS's suggestion to ship owner & management company

If you do not have the experience of cooperation with the appointed SPRO on annual sludge disposal before, now you may be requested by the SPRO to sign the annual sludge disposal agreement.

If you have sludge cooperation with the appointed SPRO at Tianjin before and are satisfied with the service they rendered, ship owner / management company is recommended to choose the same SPRO company as the fixed annual sludge services provider, which, without doubts, could save your costs.

If your side wants to get a good solution for one-stop service of SPRO together with sludge issue, please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be helpful in your specific



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communications on this issue.

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Appendix: Related Documents

1. Tianjin MSA Notice regarding to sludge disposal issue- 【2013】 NO. 15 (Chinese version only)
2. Oil Residues & Oily Water Report as the attachment of the No. 15 notice (Chinese and English)
3. Vessels' Sludge & Oily Water Receive Agreement Sample at Tianjin port (Chinese and English)