

Bunker issues from a legal perspective

Book Review

Legal Issues in Bunkering by barrister, legal consultant and recently appointed interim CEO of IBIA Trevor Harrison offers a highly accessible overview of the key legal aspects of bunkering.

This book is not intended as a substitute for professional help, or casebooks on shipping law, but it is aimed at educating the reader about the key legal topics and, importantly, guide him, or her in the right direction should a contract go wrong.

The book covers the following issues:

- The law of contract.
- Sellers' terms and conditions.
- Charterparty relationships.
- Timecharters and bunker clauses.
- Quantity and quality disputes.
- Claims in tort.

- Defaults.
- Ship arrest.
- Dispute resolution.
- Important case reviews.
- International conventions.
- National legislation on environmental issues relevant to bunkering.
- Oil pollution and limitations of liability.
- Extensive appendices offering further detail on contracts, arrest, anti-corruption and other key issues.

Harrison, was the former legal head at Tramp Oil & Marine, and today practises as a maritime arbitrator, mediator and consultant, with particular expertise in bunkering.

Jonathan Lux, Partner, Ince & Co and co-author of *Bunkers – An Analysis of the Practical, Technical and Legal Aspects* (Petrospot, 2004) said; “I am delighted to recommend *Legal*

Issues in Bunkering to anyone with an interest in the law relating to bunkers and bunkering and to those who have an interest in steering clear of the many legal pitfalls that can beset the global bunker industry.’

Publisher Llewellyn Bankes-Hughes said; “Trevor Harrison is a highly-respected maritime lawyer with over 30 years’ experience. He knows his subject thoroughly, and, importantly, he knows how to put it across in a way that entertains and educates and leaves the reader eager to learn more.’ **TO**

Legal Issues in Bunkering: An Introduction to the Law Relating to the Sale and Use of Marine Fuels, by Trevor Harrison, First Edition, July 2011, published by Petrospot Limited. PP 201 + 36 prelims. £75/€90/\$125 + P&P www.petrospot.com/books