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## Book review: Legal Issues in Bunkering

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Trevor Harrison: Rudiments of law covered in 'simple and amusing style'

A new introduction to the laws relating to the sale and use of marine fuels has been published by Petrosport.

Legal Issues In Bunkering has been written by Trevor Harrison, a maritime arbitrator, mediator and consultant with an expertise in bunkering. He is also the former legal head at Tramp Oil and Marine.

According to a foreword, by fellow mediator and arbitrator Jonathan Lux, the book is not intended as an encyclopaedia of the laws associated with bunkering, rather it is an overview of the legal aspects of bunkering.

"It is extremely unusual to find a book that covers some of the rudiments of maritime law and does so in a light, simple and amusing style that not only engages the reader but also leaves him better informed and eager to learn more," Lux said.

Chapter headings include: The basics of the law of contract; What sellers include in their terms and conditions; Charterparty relationships; The MARPOL Convention (Annex VI and enforcement).

There is also a chapter on pollution and limitation of liability and a number of appendices dealing with a range of issues including ship arrest in England and the United States, and bribery and corruption.

In his introduction, Harrison says a "particular complication in bunkering is its international nature."

But he says his book, in general, aims to deal with English law and practice.

"There are two reasons for this: firstly, English law and English jurisdiction or London arbitration are the most commonly used law and venues in maritime commerce, and, secondly, this author is, at heart, a very common [English] common law lawyer."

Harrison was recently appointed as Acting Chief Executive of the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) on the resignation of Ian Adams.

More information on Legal Issues In Bunkering can be found on [www.petrosport.com/books](http://www.petrosport.com/books).

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