

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

PERSON OVERALL ADVISORY CONTROL (POAC) / MOORING MASTER

At **Atlantic Fenders & Support Services (AFSS)**, we appoint a **qualified Person in Overall Advisory Control (POAC) or Mooring Master** to oversee all ship-to-ship transfer operations.

The POAC/Mooring Master is **certified, experienced**, and trained in industry best practices and is responsible for ensuring **full compliance with international guidelines, OCIMF standards, and company procedures**.

This includes verifying compatibility of participating vessels, approving mooring plans, directing the approach and securing of ships, and safely managing all transfer operations from start to finish.

Through their oversight, we assure the **safety of crews, cargo, and the environment**, reflecting AFSS ongoing commitment to delivering operations in a **controlled, compliant, and incident-free** manner.

SHIP TO SHIP COMPATIBILITY

Atlantic fenders & Support services in line with OCIMF guidelines, issues Checklist No.1, STS Questionnaire, and ensure all Q88 of vessels involved in our STS Operations are received upon nomination.

All Vessels to be used must be compatible in design and equipment, so that mooring operations, hose handling, and communications, can be conducted safely and efficiently. The compatibility of the transshipping vessels must be in line with OCIMF guidelines and the AFSS Vessel compatibility document.

A compatibility assessment executed, which is a prerequisite to be considered for planning an STS transfer operation will ensure that the ships involved are compatible with each other in design and equipment. Based on the assessment, items that may require specific management aspects will be identified.

AFSS plans STS transfer operations to **ensure that the ships involved are compatible in design and equipment and that they comply with all relevant guidelines and** recommendations.

This includes verifying that mooring operations, hose handling, and communications can be conducted safely and efficiently. To facilitate smooth operations, key details such as overall dimensions, freeboard, positions of manifolds, mooring points, and fenders should be provided to the masters of the participating ships at the earliest opportunity.

ASSESSMENT OF VESSEL FOR STS SUITABILITY AND COMPATIBILITY

Ship to Ship transfer operation" (STS), denote the transshipment of cargo between seagoing tanker ships.

Upon the Implementation of IMO with solutions MEPC 186 (59), (2009), tanker vessels take the full operational responsibility of the ship-to-ship transfer operations. All procedures and policies, associated with safety and environmental protection are reviewed and summarized in the new STS plan, before the commencement of an operation.

The screening process in STS operation is the procedure undertaking from each participating ship and/or their operators, which concludes to the acceptance or rejection of the other ship. During this process several factors are considered, and due diligence should be exercised

Under these circumstances and in line with the due diligence concept, the screening process should evaluate the risk factors for the operation (as outlined in the Risk assessment issued before the commencement of the operation) associated with the conditions for the ships and the STS equipment, the experience of the crew, weather conditions and the local geographical restrictions.

The elements (mechanism) involved in the STS operations are associated with the following: a) Vessel technical preparedness b) STS equipment. c) Human element d) Selection of the STS area e) Weather conditions

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

At Atlantic Fenders & Support Services (AFSS), we are fully committed to protecting our people, operations, and the environment through robust Emergency Preparedness and Response procedures.

We **comply with international safety standards and industry best practices**, including **IMO, ISO 45001, and ISGOTT guidelines**, to proactively identify potential emergencies and implement effective controls.

Our preparedness plans include **comprehensive risk assessments, documented procedures, trained response teams, and regular drills and exercises**. All employees are trained to respond promptly and safely to emergencies from oil spills and fires to medical emergencies minimizing impact and ensuring a swift return to normal operations.

Through ongoing reviews and continual improvement, we maintain a state of readiness that safeguards all stakeholders and underscores AFSS' s strong culture of health, safety, and environmental responsibility.

CARGO HANDLING AND CARGO CARE

At Atlantic Fenders & Support Services (AFSS), we handle all cargo with the highest level of care, diligence, and professionalism. Our operations fully comply with international regulations and industry standards — including IMO, ISGOTT, and OCIMF guidelines — to safeguard the integrity of the cargo, the safety of our crews, and the environment.

We implement strict procedures, training, and controls to guarantee proper loading, securing, transfer, and delivery of all cargos. Our team is trained to identify and manage risks, respond to emergencies, and maintain careful oversight at all stages of the operation.

Through this approach, we assure our clients of safe, compliant, and reliable cargo handling, reflecting AFSS' s ongoing commitment to excellence and responsible service delivery.

STS PROCEDURE BASED ON CARGO TYPE

The mooring and unmooring operation for STS will be remaining same for all type of cargos. However, the dedicated cargo hoses will be provided for clean oil, Dirty oil & LPG.

Further to the above, there will be an additional check to be completed on LPG operations prior to cargo commencement like vapor return system, Nitrogen system, Cargo relief valves, gas detention system, powder extinguishers present at the manifold etc.

Clean/Dirty cargo the pressurized air will be used for the line blowing and for LPG cargo the hot gas will be used for the line blowing.

TRANSFER AREA

The **transfer area** can vary in size, depending on the conditions and requirements of the operation. The available space directly influences the **type of** manoeuvre that can be safely performed.

For operations **underway at sea**, a **larger transfer area** is typically required to allow both ships to manoeuvre safely alongside each other.

Transfers may take place **within port limits or at designated offshore locations**, subject to approval and prevailing conditions. AFSS carefully assesses and plans each transfer area to help assure **safe, efficient, and compliant operations**.

RISK ASSESSMENT

At **Atlantic Fenders & Support Services (AFSS)**, we conduct a **thorough risk assessment** for **every operation** we undertake.

This process **identifies potential hazards**, assesses their **associated risks**, and establishes **control measures** to **eliminate or minimize risks to an acceptable level**.

Our approach **complies with industry standards and best practices** and is a key part of our **commitment to protecting people, the environment, and assets**, while delivering **safe and reliable services**.

CONTINGENCY PLAN

At **Atlantic Fenders & Support Services (AFSS)**, we maintain a **comprehensive Contingency Plan** for all operations.

This plan identifies potential emergencies, outlines roles and responsibilities, and details clear procedures to respond promptly and effectively.

Our preparedness ensures we can **minimize risks, protect people, assets, and the environment**, and **quickly restore normal operations** in the event of an incident in compliance with industry standards and best practices.

TUGS AND OFFSHORE SUPPORT VESSELS (OSV)

At Atlantic Fenders & Support Services (AFSS), all tugs and offshore support vessels (OSV) under our operations are maintained, certificated, and operated in strict compliance with international and industry standards, including SOLAS, MARPOL, ISM, STCW, and class regulations.

We implement comprehensive maintenance regimes, regular surveys, and rigorous crew training to guarantee the highest levels of safety, reliability, and performance.

Our tugs and OSV crews are qualified, experienced, and proficient in specialized operations, ensuring we can respond effectively to a range of offshore and port-side tasks from towing and anchor handling to delivery of stores and equipment while upholding the highest standards of safety, environmental care, and operational excellence.

