Case Studies in Maltese Ports

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- 2019 – Pre IMO 2020
- 2850 DWT General Cargo Ship loaded with cement
- Cargo Operations in the Grand Harbour and receiving bunkers from a local Bunker Barge

Product

- From vessel – VLSFO 180 CST
- Requested further information from the bunkering supplier

SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

1.1 **Product identifier**

Product Name	Fuel oil, residual
Product Description	V2025a-VERY LOW SULPHUR FUEL OIL 180 CST-Fuel oil, residual
Trade Name	VERY LOW SULPHUR FUEL OIL 180 CST
Product code	VLSFO, V2025a
CAS No.	68476-33-5
EC No.	270-675-6
REACH Registration No.	-

Vapour pressure	0.5 kPa @ 20°C
Vapour density	>1 (Air=1)
Relative density	0.80 - 0.99 g/cm³ @ 15 °C
Solubility(ies)	Water: 0.4 mg/l @ 22 °C Slightly soluble.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	2.7 – 6 log P
Auto-ignition temperature	> 225 °C
Decomposition Temperature	Not established.
Viscosity	7 – 20.5 mm²/s @ 40 °C (<60 mm²/s @ 100 °C)
Explosive properties	Not explosive. (Vapour may create explosive atmosphere.)
Oxidising properties	Not oxidising.
Other information	None known.

Recovery Operation

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Lessons Learnt
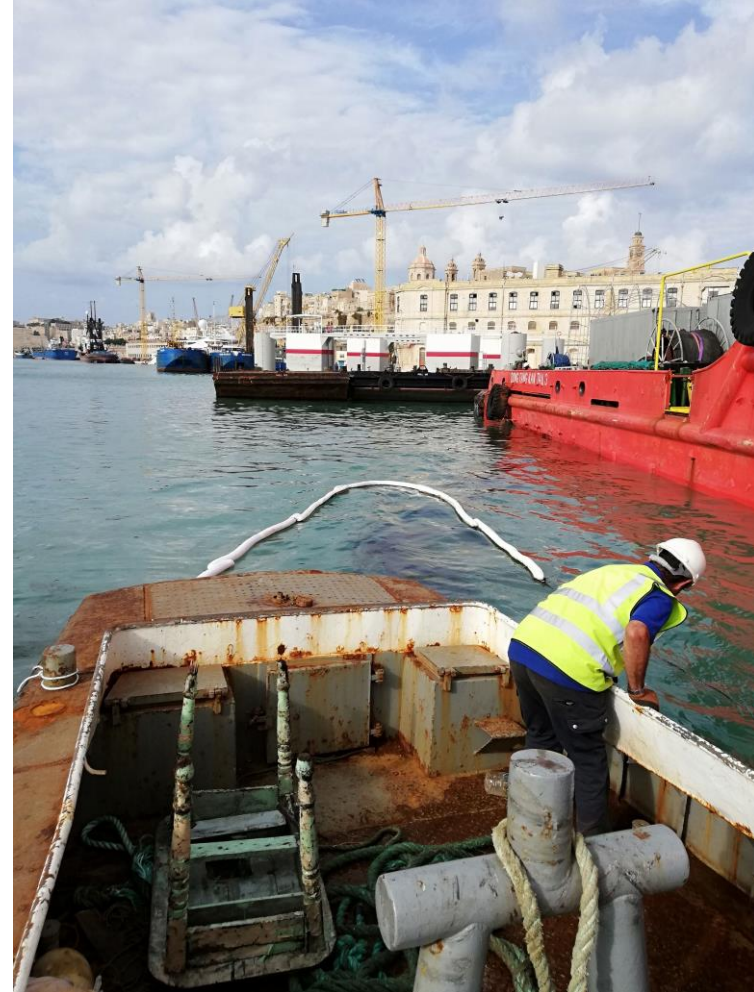
- Limited immediate information
- Low viscosity
- Natural dispersion
- No particular recovery issues

Case Study 2

- August 2021
- Malta Freeport
  Terminals - Marsaxlokk
  Port
- Scattered oil

Source

- 3500 TEU Container Vessel
- Minor perforation in the outer shell of F.O tank

Characteristics	
Sulphur % mass	0.48
Flash Point °C	>100
pour Point °C	+21
Density kg/m3 15 °C	0,9315
Viscosity cst@ 50°C	152.9
Water % v/v	<0.1

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Flash point - >100
Pour Point - +21 C
Density @ 15 C – 0,9315
Viscosity @ 50 C – 152.9 cst
Water % - <0.1

Lessons learnt

- Information immediately available

- Non-persistent

- Easily recoverable