



### Venezuelan Customs Laws Change in 2015

The Venezuelan government has published a new Official Gazette changing the actual Customs Law regarding vessel import documentation. Vessel Agents are now required to transmit to Customs (Sidunea) the vessel manifest and all other import documents no later than 48 hours before vessel arrival.

This new requirement will become effective January 19, 2015 and will directly affect the ability to make any corrections to the vessel manifest after sailing from origin ports.

Venezuelan Customs Authorities have also indicated fines have been increased to the highest level, some up to 1.000 UT (tributary units, in Bs) for manifest changes and/or incorrect or late information.

Please contact SCM Line's documentation department for updated cargo and documentation cut-offs.



### SCM Lines files Low Sulfur Fuel Surcharge effective January 30, 2015

In 2010, the International Maritime Organization implemented a .5 percent reduction (from 1.5 percent down to 1.0 percent) in the sulfur oxide (SOx) content found in marine fuel within the North American ECA. As of January 1, 2015 vessels operating within the North American ECA will be further reduced by 0.9 percent to 0.1 percent (from 1.0 down to 0.1 percent).

As a result of this mandate, SCM Lines, in order to comply with the use of fuel with a sulfur content not exceeding 0.1% m/m (1,000 ppm) within the North American ECA, has filed a Low Sulfur Fuel Surcharge effective January 30, 2015 as follows:  
USD \$5.00 WM (or per Revenue Ton) Break Bulk, Rolling Stock, Vehicles, General Cargo

\$50.00 per TEU (20'C) Carrier or SOC

\$100.00 per FEU (40'C any size) Carrier or SOC

The surcharge will be applicable on all tariff, contract and rate offers.



### SCM Lines poised to provide world class Project and Heavy Lift Services from Gulf ports to Venezuela

With a fleet of multipurpose tween deckers, SCM Lines offers the only regular service to Puerto Ordaz (Port of Palua), Venezuela, which is the preferred port for cargoes destined for the Orinoco delta region. The port is located at the confluence of the Orinoco and Caroni rivers. SCM Lines also offers regular service to the port of Guanta (Puerto la Cruz). Liner schedules offer calls at Tampico, Mexico, Houston, Texas and Pt Everglades, Florida on the southbound leg.