

Quenvale Marine fined over late ballast-water reporting

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Singapore-based ship manager Quenvale Marine Pte. Ltd. has been fined SGD 24,000 by the port authority after two of its dry-bulk vessels filed ballast-water reports after the required deadline, according to a notice published on Monday.

The port authority said the reports, which cover the volume and origin of ballast water carried by a ship before it arrives in port, were submitted between 11 and 19 hours late on four voyages in the second half of last year. It found no evidence that untreated ballast water had been discharged in Singapore waters.

Quenvale Marine, which manages and charts a fleet of 14 dry-bulk carriers from its office on Harbourline Road, accepted the penalty and did not contest the findings. The company said the delays followed a change of reporting software on board its vessels.

"We have retrained our crews and added a shore-side check so that every report is confirmed before arrival," managing director Daven Korsloe said in a statement. "We take our environmental obligations seriously."

Ballast-water rules are intended to stop invasive marine species from being carried between regions. The port authority has issued more than 30 similar penalties this year, most of them for administrative lapses rather than discharge incidents.

Industry consultants said fines of this size are routine and are not expected to affect the company's operating licence or its charter contracts.

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