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The Association would like to highlight the developing situation with regards to vessels trading between Argentina and the Falkland Islands.

The Argentine government recently issued decree 256/2010 which required that vessels trading between mainland Argentina and the Falkland Islands must obtain prior authorisation from the Argentine authorities. This extends to those vessels in transit through Argentine waters to the Falklands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich islands.

In a recent case a vessel which was due to load in Argentina following a call at Port Stanley was unable to go ahead with her intended operation and was banned from taking bunkers in Argentine waters. In addition to this, the vessel was subjected to a thorough port state control inspection which delayed her departure.

Members intending to trade in this area should contact local agents or correspondents to ascertain the situation in advance.

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