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SUBJECT: Entry into Effect of the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area

REF: (a) MARPOL Annex VI Regulation 14
(b) [Marine Notice POL-009](#)
(c) [Marine Advisory 13/2023 - Guidance on implementation of MARPOL Annex VI 2020 Global Sulphur Limit](#)
(d) [Marine Advisory 06/2025](#)

Purpose

The purpose of this Advisory is to alert all Shipowners, Operators and Masters that the Mediterranean Sea sulphur emission control area (SECA) takes effect from 1 May 2025.

Background

[MEPC Resolution 361\(79\)](#) designated the Mediterranean Sea as an emission control area for sulphur oxides (SO_x) and particulate matter (PM) under regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI.

Requirements

From May 1, 2025, ships operating in the Mediterranean Sea must use fuel with a sulphur content not exceeding 0.10% unless they use an approved equivalent, such as an exhaust gas cleaning system (EGCS) taking into account any local port restrictions for discharge of wash water, [reference \(d\)](#) above.

Non-availability of compliant fuel

Should a ship, despite its best effort to obtain compliant fuel, be unable to do so, the master/company should submit a fuel oil non-availability report (FONAR) taking into account guideline in [MEPC Resolution 320\(74\)](#) and [reference \(c\)](#) above.

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