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SUBJECT: Guidance on implementation of MARPOL Annex VI 2020 Global Sulphur Limit

Revisions: 1. Updated US link to new USCG Work Instructions on MARPOL Annex VI enforcement
2. Update link to latest AMSA policy on Use of EGCS in Australian waters

Dear Shipowner/Operator/Master/Recognized Organizations:

The purpose of this Advisory is to provide guidance regarding implementation of the global Sulphur limit which took effect on 1 January 2020.

As of 1 March 2020, the limit for Sulphur in fuel oil used or carried for use on board ships operating outside designated emission control areas (ECA) was reduced from 3.50% m/m to 0.50% m/m (mass by mass).

Since the introduction of the global Sulphur limit, the Liberian Administration has responded to numerous questions related to preparation, implementation, operation and enforcement, including to such questions pertaining to Exhaust Gas Cleaning System (EGCS). A summary of the latest Q&A's are available at the following link:

[IMO 2020 Global Sulphur Limit – Guide for Liberia Registered Ships and Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Also listed below are links to major PSC Guidelines for compliance and enforcement of the Sulphur limits in regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI:

USCG

[Implementation of Compliance/Enforcement Policy for MARPOL Annex VI Regulation 14, including IMO 2020 Sulfur Cap](#)

AMSA

[Use of Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems in Australian waters](#)

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