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USA Caribbean Sea Emission Control Area(ECA) **MARPOL Annex VI Reg. 14 (MEPC.201(62))**

Designation of the United States Caribbean Sea Emission Control Area and exemption of certain ships operating in the North American Emission Control Area and the United States Caribbean Sea Emission Control Area under regulations 13 and 14 and Appendix VII of MARPOL Annex VI.

1. Paragraph 6 of regulation 13 is replaced by the following:

"6 For the purpose of this regulation, emission control areas shall be:

.1 the North American area, which means the area described by the coordinates provided in Appendix VII to this Annex;

.2 the United States Caribbean Sea area, which means the area described by the coordinates provided in Appendix VII to this Annex; and

.3 any other sea area, including any port area, designated by the Organization in accordance with the criteria and procedures set forth in Appendix III to this Annex."

2. Paragraph 7.3 of regulation 13 is amended to read as follows:

"7.3 With regard to a marine diesel engine with a power output of more than 5,000 kW and a per cylinder displacement at or above 90 litres installed on a ship constructed on or after 1 January 1990 but prior to 1 January 2000, the International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate shall, for a marine diesel engine to

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which paragraph 7.1 of this regulation applies, indicate that either an approved method has been applied pursuant to paragraph 7.1.1 of this regulation or the engine has been certified pursuant to paragraph 7.1.2 of this regulation or that an approved method does not yet exist or is not yet commercially available as described in paragraph 7.2 of this regulation."

3. Paragraph 3 of regulation 14 is replaced by the following:

"3 For the purpose of this regulation, emission control areas shall include:

.1 the Baltic Sea area as defined in regulation 1.11.2 of Annex I and the North Sea area as defined in regulation 1.12.6 of Annex V;

.2 the North American area as described by the coordinates provided in Appendix VII to this Annex;

.3 the United States Caribbean Sea area as described by the coordinates provided in Appendix VII to this Annex; and

.4 any other sea area, including any port area, designated by the Organization in accordance with the criteria and procedures set forth in Appendix III to this Annex."

4. A new subparagraph 4 is added to paragraph 4 of regulation 14 to read as follows:

".4 Prior to 1 January 2020, the sulphur content of fuel oil referred to in paragraph 4 of this regulation shall not apply to ships operating in the North American area or the United States Caribbean Sea area defined in paragraph 3, built on or before 1 August 2011 that are powered by propulsion boilers that were not originally designed for continued operation on marine distillate fuel or natural gas."

5. Paragraph 7 of regulation 14 is replaced by the following:

"7 During the first twelve months immediately following entry into force of an amendment designating a specific emission control area under paragraph 3 of this regulation, ships operating in that emission control area are exempt from the requirements in paragraphs 4 and 6 of this regulation and from the requirements of paragraph 5 of this regulation insofar as they relate to paragraph 4 of this regulation¹."

6. Appendix VII is amended as follows:

"Appendix VII

Emission Control Areas (regulation 13.6 and regulation 14.3)

.1 The boundaries of emission control areas designated under regulations 13.6 and 14.3, other than the Baltic Sea and the North Sea areas, are set forth in this appendix.

.2 (Existing text for the North American area)

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.3 The United States Caribbean Sea area includes:

.1 the sea area located off the Atlantic and Caribbean coasts of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, enclosed by geodesic lines.

¹ The 12 month exemption provided by paragraph 7 will apply for the North American emission control area until 1 August 2012.

The 12 month exemption provided by paragraph 7 will apply for the United States Caribbean Sea emission control area until 1 January 2014.

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