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China Regulation Update

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Announcement of the Ministry of Transport on Strengthening the Administration of Domestic Waterway Transportation for Imported Ships and Chinese Flag International Vessels Engaged in Domestic Waterway Transportation:

Starting from September 1, 2018, the imported ships engaged in domestic waterway transportation and Chinese flagged international sailing vessels applying for domestic water transportation shall have their NOx emissions from diesel engines in compliance with the **Tier II emission limit** requirements as specified in Annex VI of the International Maritime Organization's International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78).

•The ship inspection agencies, maritime administrative authorities and waterway transportation management departments shall, in accordance with their duties, carefully control and supervise and manage the domestic waterway transportation of imported ships and Chinese Flag international vessels engaged in domestic waterway transportation.

This announcement is valid for 5 years. Released by Ministry of Transport of the P.R.C. on June 28, 2018.

Remarks

1. This requirement is not applicable to foreign-flagged vessels navigating in Chinese domestic waters.
2. The ships constructed before 1 January 2011 will be accepted for import to China for domestic waterway transportation if engines installed on such ships are certified to be IMO NOx Tier II compliant. The demonstration of IMO NOx Tier II compliance requires engine certification to be issued according to the applicable NOx Technical Code.
3. This will require an engine Technical File to be re-approved and updated Engine International Air Pollution Prevention (EIAPP) Certificate to be issued for each engine that falls within the scope of Annex VI Regulation 13. However, since the 2008 amendments may be considered minor in the context of emissions test and calculation procedures, it may be possible to use the original emissions measurements (of those pre-2011 engines that have NOx emissions below the Tier II

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limit) in that recertification process. Each engine needs to be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
4. Any changes to an engine and associated Technical File/NOx certification, in the majority of cases, needs to be undertaken by the original RO (Recognized Organization)
5. CONARINA understands that the domestic waterway transportation announcement does not apply to non-Chinese flag ships operating in Chinese domestic waterways and ports.

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