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Title	Noncompliant fuel
Reference	MEPC 73, MARPOL An. VI

Prohibition on the Carriage of Non-Compliant Fuel

MEPC 73 (22–26 October 2018) adopted amendments to MARPOL Annex VI prohibiting the carriage of non-compliant fuel oil for combustion purposes for propulsion or operation on board a ship. The carriage prohibition does not apply to ships fitted with an approved “equivalent arrangement,” such as an exhaust gas cleaning system (a scrubber), to meet the sulphur limit, ships undertaking research trials, and ships carrying fuel oil as cargo in accordance with MARPOL Annex VI, Regulation 2.9.

These amendments will enter into force on **1 March 2020**. This effectively means that on this date, the sulphur content of any fuel oil used or carried for use on board must not exceed 0.50% m/m, unless the ship is fitted with a scrubber or other equivalent arrangement.

REFERENCES:

- MEPC 73, MARPOL An. VI

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Kindest Regards,

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