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Successful implementation of the IMO 2020 rule is attributed to the cooperation of the stake holders.

It has been provided a future pathway for impending stricter environmental rules and other changes in international shipping.

IMO is working hard to promote the uptake of alternative fuels.

It also aimed at putting in place a regulatory framework to support the safe and environmentally friendly use of the different alternative fuels.

There is very good availability of compliant fuels around the world.

The collapse of global bunker fuel prices in 2020 supported the implementation of the global sulfur cap as the price spread between heavy fuel oil and VLSFO was much lesser than anticipated.

The IMO is still advancing other efforts with reduction of air pollution from ships.

New amendments to MARPOL Annex VI on fuel sampling and verification of sulfur content were adopted in November.

The IMO is also looking into possible VLSFO fuel quality issues and related safety aspects while also assessing the impact of VLSFO's on aromaticity, including possible reducing of emissions of black carbon and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

The IMO is working on a harmonized system evaluating the impact of scrubber discharge water in terms of guidelines for the future.

IMO is working hard to promote the uptake of alternative fuels and putting in place a regulatory framework to support the safe and environmentally friendly use of the different alternative fuels: biofuels, LNG, hydrogen, ammonia.

The MEPC 76 will consider both short-term and mid-long term measures for Green House Gas (GHG) emission cuts.

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