

	Information Notice 2019-001
	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)
	Outcome of MEPC.74 & new regulatory requirements in 2020 and onwards

This is to inform ADOMS clients and stakeholders in respect of the outcome of the 74th Session of the International Maritime Organizations Marine Environment Protection Committee from the 13th to the 17th of May 2019 and related new regulatory requirements from 2020 onwards.

ADOMS wishes to inform the esteemed addressees as follows:

MEPC.74 Outcomes:

- Marine Fuel Oil Sulphur Content Limitation: In relation to the carriage ban for Fuel Oil exceeding 0.5% content in sulfur unless the vessels concerned are equipped with an exhaust gas treatment system, as applicable from 1st of January 2020 and the content limit of 0.1% for operations within relevant emissions controlled areas, the IMO has endorsed a circular for verification of fuel oil samples [ref. MEPC.1/Circ.864/Rev.1] and adopted the draft 2019 guidelines for on-board sampling of fuel oil contents and the draft 2019 guidelines for port State control under MARPOL Annex VI and referred proposed amendments to PPR.7

➔ Reference is made to **MEPC.1/Circ.864/Rev.1**, **MEPC.320(74)** and **MEPC.321(74)**
- Strengthening of EEDI requirements including early implementation, mandatory speed reduction: For certain vessel types an increase of EEDI requirements, respectively advancing the implementation of the application have been agreed, with a view to adoption at MEPC.75 and entry into force in 2021. Calls for a mandatory general limits in ships maximum operating speeds as a short term measure to reduce GHG emissions have been rejected. The technical concept of shaft power limitation (“ShaPoLi”) has been endorsed by the committee in principle. Particularly clients in negotiations or bound for newbuilding contracts should closely monitor further developments.

➔ Reference is made to **MEPC.314(74)** and **MEPC.74 WP.1 (5.78-5.91)**
- Regulations and Guidelines related to Electronic Monitoring and Electronic Record keeping: The IMO approved guidelines for the approval of electronic record books respectively electronic monitoring and record keeping systems with a view to subsequent adoption and entry into force on the 1st of October 2020 in conjunction with relevant draft amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II V, VI and the NOx Technical Code. Clients and Stakeholders are encouraged to monitor further developments.

➔ Reference is made to **MEPC.312(74)**, **MEPC.314(74)** and **MEPC.318(74)** and also **ADOMS Information Notice No. 2018-007**
- Mandatory Data Collection for Fuel Oil Consumption aboard Ships (IMO DCS Scheme): From the 1st of January 2019 vessels above 5000 GRT will have to collect and report data on fuel oil consumption, as implemented by the SEEMP. Managers should seek relevant guidance by their ROs or ADOMS authorized, independent verifiers.

➔ Reference is made to **ADOMS Information Notice No. 2018-003 Rev. 2**
- Ballast Water Management Guidelines: Various BW treatment systems have been approved. Draft amendments to the format of the BWM certificate have been finalized.

- Reference is made to **MEPC.74 WP.11**, **BWM.2/Circ.67/Rev.1** and **BWM.2/Circ.70 as amended**, and also ADOMS updated **Information Notice No. 2016-003 Rev. 6**
- Discharge of Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems Washwater and Residues: The committee decided to further evaluate the impacts of washwater discharged from open-loop cycle exhaust gas cleaning systems. In line with the statement given by the Antigua and Barbuda Delegation (as outlined in MEPC.74 WP.1 Annex 23) the committee stressed the fact that no retroactive penalizing action should be taken in relation to these operators that have installed such systems ahead of the strict sulfur emission regulations entering into force by 2020 and that an unrestricted use of these systems shall be permitted.
 - Reference is made to **MEPC.74 WP.1 (14.3-14.9)**
 - Hong Kong Convention: In view of unilateral action foreseeable by major maritime nations, the secretary general urged the member states for the enhanced ratification of the Hong Kong Convention on the Sustainable and Environmentally Safe recycling of ships, in order to provide for a global level playing field. Malta on occasion of MEPC.74 has communicated its ratification.
 - IMO's Action Plan to address Marine Plastic Litter (from Ships): It was decided to develop an IMO strategy on marine plastic litter from ships.
 - Reference is made to Resolution **MEPC.74 WP.1 (8.35-8.41 & Annex 19)**
 - Miscellaneous: Amendments to the BCH and IBC code were have been adopted. Draft Amendments reg. exhaust gas cleaning certification (SCR-requirements) within the NOx tech. code were adopted as well. Clients and stakeholders are invited to monitor further developments.
 - Reference is made to **MEPC.313(74)**, **MEPC.315(74)**, **MEPC.316(74)**, **MEPC.317(74)** and **MEPC.319(74)**; **MEPC.74 WP.7 & MEPC.74 WP.1 (10.12-10.21)**
 - Some outcomes relevant to only few particular interests were omitted in this document. This relates to the following-up of IMO greenhouse gas research, ship energy efficiency design index application and calculations and the establishment of a multi-donor trust fund for participation of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) at IMO. Potentially interested parties are invited to monitor further developments.
 - Reference is made to **MEPC.74 WP.1 (7.6-7.9)**
 - For a full overview on all items discussed, please refer to the Committees Final Report.
 - Reference is made to **MEPC.74 WP.1** and summary outcome, as referred. (<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/MeetingSummaries/MEPC/Pages/MEPC-73rd-session.aspx>)
 - As usual, insofar as technical systems and/or installations are concerned, operators, managers and suppliers are advised to seek guidance, if required, by the relevant ADOMS Recognized Organizations and Recognized Security Organizations.
See also: <https://www.abregistry.ag/technical-services/recognised-organisation>

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