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IMO Sulphur Cap 2020 (0.5% m/m) comes into effect from January 1, 2020.

TO SHIP OWNERS, SHIP OPERATORS, SHIPPING AGENTS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, REGIONAL MANAGERS, SURVEYORS AND PORT STATE CONTROL OFFICERS (PSCO's)

Summary

The purpose of this Marine Notice is to advise the Shipping fraternity and Masters of vessel's calling South African ports regarding additional information required by SAMSA in the Pre-Arrival Notification (PAN) reporting format, same is included as an annexure to this Marine Notice for ease of reference.

Important: This Marine Notice is to be read in conjunction with Marine Notice 8 and Marine Notice 9 of 2019 which deals with the Effective Implementation of IMO Sulphur Cap and Fuel Oil Non-Availability Report (FONAR) respectively.

Masters of all ships at their first call on any South African port are required to report to SAMSA in the MRCC PAN report, information regarding compliance of MARPOL, ANNEXE, VI (IMO 2020 Sulphur Cap).

The report should mention the Scheme which the vessel has adopted to achieve compliance with the convention i.e. Scheme A or Scheme B.

There are various options available to a ship owner which will be acceptable to SAMSA;

- i) Sulphur content of the fuel oil used on board is less than 0.5% m/m
- ii) Alternative fuels with Sulphur contents not exceeding 0.5% m/m i.e. LNG, Biofuels, blended products distillates
- iii) Ship is equipped with an approved, fully operational Exhaust Gas Cleaning System (Scrubber Unit) and operated in accordance with IMO requirements and guidelines (resolution MEPC.259(68))

Port State Control Officers (PSCO) will require to sight all relevant documents on type of Fuel Oil on board, documents pertaining to the EGCS, evidence that the ship's personnel involved in the operation of EGCS are adequately trained and familiar with its operation. Such records shall be made available to PSCO's on request.

Non-compliant vessels will be required to rectify the situation prior departure from port.

Additional information on the EGCS i.e. Make and Type of EGCS installed (Open Loop, Close Loop or Hybrid), frequency and date of Wash Water testing is to be included in the PAN report to MRCC.

Any breakdown or malfunction of the EGCS, notification to be sent to SAMSA, Email: PAN@samsa.org.za

[Amended format of the MRCC PAN report \(Refer to Section K\) is annexed to this Marine Notice for guidance to Ship Masters.](#)

***Note:** Low Sulphur Fuel Oil is available in South Africa in the ports of Durban, Port Elizabeth, Cape Town and at offshore bunkering in Algoa Bay. Vessels have bunkered with compliant fuel in South Africa from as early as November 2019 in the aforementioned ports and other South African Ports are to follow.*

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