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**SUBJECT: Guidance on implementation of MARPOL Annex VI 2020 Global Sulphur Limit**

**Dear Shipowner/Operator/Master/Recognized Organizations:**

The purpose of this Advisory is to provide guidance regarding implementation of the global sulphur limit which takes effect on 1 January 2020.

From 1 January 2020, the limit for sulphur in fuel oil used on board ships operating outside designated emission control areas (ECA) will be reduced from 3.50% m/m to 0.50% m/m (mass by mass) and the Sulphur content of any fuel oil carried for use on board ships when operating outside designated emission control areas, shall not exceed 0.50% m/m on and after 1 March 2020.

Over the last twelve months the Liberian Administration has been responding to numerous questions related to preparation, implementation, operation and enforcement, including Exhaust Gas Cleaning System (EGCS). A summary of the latest Q&A's are available at the following link and will be expanded, as necessary.

[https://www.liscr.com/sites/default/files/online\\_library/IMO%202020%20Global%20Sulphur%20Limit%20-%20Guide%20for%20Liberia%20Registered%20Ships%20and%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions.pdf](https://www.liscr.com/sites/default/files/online_library/IMO%202020%20Global%20Sulphur%20Limit%20-%20Guide%20for%20Liberia%20Registered%20Ships%20and%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions.pdf)

Also listed below are links to major PSC Guidelines for compliance and enforcement of the sulphur limits in regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI.

**USCG**

<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/Policy%20Letters/2019/CG%20CVC%20Policy%20Ltr%2012-04%20MARPOL%20Annex%20VI%20CHANGE%201%20signed.pdf>

**Paris MOU**

<https://www.parismou.org/early-warning-global-2020-sulphur-cap-compliance>

**AMSA**

<https://www.amsa.gov.au/marine-environment/air-pollution/compliance-low-sulphur-2020>

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