

Mediterranean Sulphur ECA

During the 79th session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee, the Committee adopted resolution MEPC.361(79) establishing a Mediterranean Emission Control Area (ECA) for sulphur oxides and particulate matter.

All ships operating within the Mediterranean Sea are required to only use fuel oil with sulphur content not exceeding 0.10% m/m or use an exhaust gas cleaning system.

The amendments will enter into force on 1 May 2024. However, ships operating in this ECA are exempted from the sulphur oxide and particulate matter requirements for the first 12 months. These requirements will be enforceable as of 1 May 2025.

Flashpoint to be included in the BDN

Furthermore, the Committee adopted resolution MEPC.362(79) amending the information to be included in the BDN. From 1st May 2024, the BDN will also include the flashpoint of the fuel, or a statement that the flashpoint of the fuel oil has been tested at or above 70°C.

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