



KPI Information Update IU-76-2014 (List of Special Areas under MARPOL and particularly Sensitive Sea Areas)

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Members are reminded that the present limitation of Sulphur content of residual fuel oil to be burnt in Emission Control Areas (ECAs) under regulation 14.4 of Annex VI of MARPOL 73 will be reduced further to 0.1% m/m as of 1st January 2015. Regulations 14.5, 18.5 and 18.6 of Annex VI require that the Sulphur content of the fuel oil delivered to ships for combustion purposes shall be documented by the supplier in a form corresponding to that depicted in Appendix V to the Annex and be retained on board for at least 3 years from the time the fuel is delivered, for verification purposes. Regulation 14.6 further requires that those ships using separate fuel oils to achieve compliance with regulation 14.4 shall carry on board a written change over procedure for guidance of crew (preferably in the safety management system) and record the time, date, position and volume of low Sulphur fuel oil in each tank upon completion of each change over prior to entry into the emission control areas or commencement of change over on exit from an emission control area in log

books as prescribed by the Administration.

Regulation 18.8.1 urges for a sample of fuel oil delivered to be sealed and signed by the supplier and master or officer in charge of bunkering operation and be retained on board until the fuel oil is substantially consumed but in any case not less than 12 months from the time of delivery. The additional samples may be required to be placed on board for analysis in accordance with regulation 18.8.2, Appendix VI of Annex VI and the company's safety management system.

Regulation 18.2 finally stipulates that ships are not required to deviate unduly from their intended voyage to achieve compliance with these requirements. Records are to be presented to the competent authorities of the next port of call evidencing that despite all attempts and efforts the company was unable to purchase compliant fuel oil. Parties shall notify the administration and the international maritime organization in this respect.

For more information you could refer to MEPC.1/Circ.778/Rev 1, 16 Nov 2012