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(Extracts of ICS Annual Review Pamphlet)

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has published its latest Annual Review of maritime policy and regulatory developments in advance of its Annual General Meeting.

The 2014 Annual Review covers the wide-ranging scope of ICS activities as the world's principal international trade association for ship operators.

The 2014 ICS Annual Review focuses on a number of key issues, including: issues relating to the implementation of new IMO requirements for low sulphur fuel in Emissions Control Areas from January 2015; outstanding concerns surrounding the implementation of the IMO Ballast Water Management Convention; enforcement of the ILO Maritime Labour Convention (MLC); and developments with respect to piracy and hostage taking.

► Highlights of the Pamphlet include the following:

1-Low Sulphur Fuel:

This IMO requirement coming into force of 0.1% Sulfur content for distillate fuels used in the emission control areas (i.e.

Baltic Sea, North Sea, North American area and the United States Caribbean Sea area) on 1 January 2015.

2-The Ballast Water Management Convention:

It is nevertheless important to recall that when the BWM Convention finally enters into force ship-owners will collectively be required to invest in excess of a hundred billion dollars in new ballast water treatment systems. ICS therefore continues to be very concerned about some serious implementation problems, which IMO has so far been reluctant to address decisively.

3-MLC towards Full Enforcement:

The full implementation of maritime labor convention (MLC) will be on 21 August 2014.

4-Piracy:

At the end of 2013, ICS issued a strategy paper intended to identify lessons learned in order to help shape future policy responses, wherever in the world they might be needed.

Reference:

www.ics-shipping.org/docs/annualreview2014