



Merchant Shipping Directorate



FUEL OIL CONSUMPTION DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM

Merchant Shipping Notice 141

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to remind all those concerned that the amendments to MARPOL Annex VI introducing the IMO fuel oil consumption data collection system (IMO DCS) will come into force on 1 March 2018.

In accordance with Regulation 22A of MARPOL Annex VI as envisaged in Resolution MEPC.278 (70), as from 1 January 2019, ships of 5,000 gross tonnage and above shall collect fuel oil consumption data according to a methodology to be described and included in the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP Part II) by latest 31 December 2018. This shall be in line with the 2016 Guidelines for the Development of a Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan adopted by Resolution MEPC.282 (70).

Following the end of each calendar year, by not later than 31 March of the subsequent year, ships shall submit to the ship's classification society reports on fuel oil consumption data and transport work parameters for the previous calendar year. The report related to the first reporting period which starts on 1 January 2019, shall be submitted by not later than 31 March 2020. Upon verification of the submitted data, in line with Resolution MEPC.292(71) adopting the 2017 Guidelines for Administration verification of ship fuel oil consumption data, classification societies shall issue by 31 May 2020 to the ships a Statement of Compliance related to fuel oil consumption which should be kept on board for the period of its validity.

The Statement of Compliance shall be valid for the calendar year in which it has been issued and for the first five months of the subsequent calendar year. The disaggregated data that underlies the reported data for the previous calendar year shall be readily accessible for a period of not less than 12 months from the end of that calendar year and be made available to this Directorate upon request.

Ship owners and ship operators are encouraged to start considering the methodology for collecting the fuel oil consumption data that is most appropriate for each ship and its operation profile, amending the SEEMP Part II, in accordance with the sample form of ship fuel oil consumption data collection plan included in Appendix 2 of the 2016 Guidelines for the development of a Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan. The data collection plan should be submitted to the classification societies for approval.

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For ease of reference, an implementation timeline is included as per below:

31st December 2018: submission of the amended SEEMP Part II for approval, in line with the 2016 Guidelines for the development of a Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan adopted by Resolution MEPC.282(70).

1st January 2019: start of the first reporting period.

31st December 2019: end of the first reporting period.

31st March 2020: submission of the report on fuel oil consumption data related to the first reporting period.

31st May 2020: Statement of Compliance related to fuel oil consumption to be kept on board.

June 2020 onwards: annual submission of the aggregated and verified data to the IMO in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 22A of MARPOL Annex VI.

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